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PREFACE.

The compiler of this book begs to ask those who use it (1), to read it through attentively, that they may know what is in it, and where to find what is in it; and (2), in preparing for any occasion of its intended use not only to choose the Office fitting to the case, but also to decide beforehand what parts of it (if any) to omit, and what other Scriptures or prayers (if any) to add, and then carefully to review the Service thus arranged; to the end that there may be no unreadiness of mind or heart in the discharge of so important a duty.

That the book might contain much, and yet be in clear type, and easily carried in the pocket, the Lord's Prayer—which is a part of every Office—has not been printed, except on pages 10, 15, 17, 31, 37; and, "the Lord be with you," "and with thy spirit," and "let us pray" have been left to be supplied from memory. For the same reason most of the Amens have been omitted, as well as many of the rubrics of the Offices taken from the Book of Common Prayer; also, the endings of the prayers have, in general, been only indicated.

It is hardly necessary to suggest that such Offices as "the Christian's hope," "for Spiritual light and guidance," and those under the head of "faith" may by slight changes be made suitable for pastoral visitations of families in which there is no sickness.

The putting together of these Scriptures and prayers was begun in the wish that the "Clergyman's Companion" might meet the need which the clergy have long and deeply felt. In concluding the pleasant labor, the further wish has arisen that devout attendants upon the sick, the infirm, the afflicted, in hospitals and other places, may find this little book a helpful "companion," and that it may also receive a welcome and be a means of edification and comfort in many Christian homes.

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Hath this person been already baptized, or no? Hath this child been already baptized, or no?

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh,) and they who are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to *these Persons and these Infants* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made lively *members* of the same.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *these* thy *Servants and these Infants;* wash *them* and sanctify *them* with the Holy Ghost; that *they*, being delivered from thy

wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *these Persons and these Infants*, that *they*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of *their* sins, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *these Persons and these Infants* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DOST thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Question. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Question. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Question. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

DOST thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *these Persons and these Infants* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *them.* *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them.* *Amen.*

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *they*, being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the

Persons and Infants now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

WE receive this *Person* [*or this Child*] into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner. against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these Persons and these Infants are* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their* life according to this beginning.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons and these Infants;* that being now born again, and made *Heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, *they* may continue thy *Servants*, and attain thy promises; through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. *Amen.*

FORASMUCH as *these Persons have* promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *they have* now made before this Congregation and especially before you *their* chosen Witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so *they* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

AND as for you, who have now by baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the *Children* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always, that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

FORASMUCH as *this Child hath* promised by you *his* sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that *this Infant* be taught, so soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know these things the better, ye shall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life: remembering always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the

example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that as He died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

YE are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and *is* sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church Catechism, set forth for that purpose.

The Ministration of Private Baptism of Children, In Houses.

First let the Minister of the Parish (or, in his absence, any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with those who are present, call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Public Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then, the Child being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour water upon it, saying these words:

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and say,

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness,

and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as *he* is made *partaker* of the Death of thy Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of his Resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy Holy Church, *he* may be *an Inheritor* of thine everlasting Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(The prayer for a sick child, p. 22, may be added, with a benediction.)

The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony.

At the day and time appointed for the Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you

know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it: For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification; but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the man,

M. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer, I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N. WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer, I will.

Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this man?

Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this manner: The Minister receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring. And the Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,

WITH this Ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name, that as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge) and

may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the company:

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce, that they are Man and Wife; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

And the Minister shall add this Blessing:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who, coming into the sick person's house, shall say,

Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

When he cometh into the sick man's presence, he shall say, kneeling down,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Answer. Spare us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, save thy servant;
Answer. Who putteth *his* trust in thee.
Minister. Send *him* help from thy holy place;
Answer. And evermore mightily defend *him.*
Minister. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him;*
Answer. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*
Minister. Be unto *him,* O Lord, a strong tower,
Answer. From the face of *his* enemy.
Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify,

we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: That, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or else, give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness be sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found, in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

TAKE therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord: For (as Saint Paul saith in the twelfth Chapter to the Hebrews) whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits,

and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For He himself went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain; He entered not into His glory before He was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with Him in everlasting life. Now therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you, in the name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons, I require you to examine yourself and your estate, both toward God and man; so that, accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian man should, or no.

Here the Minister shall rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus,

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into

hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting Life after death?

The sick person shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his Debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.

The Exhortation before rehearsed, may be said before the Minister begin his Prayer, as he shall see cause.

The Minister shall not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and

continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and, when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour; through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm cxxx. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord, before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, Be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick Person, when there appeareth but small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord,

that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Persons troubled in mind or in conscience.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard

upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present at the visitation.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto thee for mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance; but if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity

for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspeakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy Name that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: That being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy Name for all thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Communion of the Sick.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand; and to grant that *he* may take *his* sick-

ness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and that whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 5.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth; and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

The Gospel. St. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you (*St. Matt.* xi. 28). So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (*St. John* iii. 16).

Hear also what *St. Paul* saith

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 *Tim.* i. 15).

Hear also what *St. John* saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins (1 *St. John* ii. 1, 2).

Lift up your hearts.
Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, [*Holy Father,] Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed.

These words [Holy Father] *must be omitted on Trinity Sunday.*

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Amen.*

Proper Prefaces.

Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his Mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin: Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Easter Day, and seven days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and, by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life: Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Ascension Day, and seven days after.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious resurrection. manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory: Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a sudden great

sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ: Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feast of Trinity only, may be said,

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality: Therefore with Angels, &c.

Or else this may be said, the words [Holy Father] *being retained in the introductory address.*

FOR the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy Eternal Godhead: Therefore with Angels, &c.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and

sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice until His coming again; For in the night in which He was betrayed, (*a*) He took Bread: and when He had given thanks, (*b*) He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, (*c*) this is My Body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (*d*) He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for (*e*) this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

(a) *Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.*

(b) *And here to break the Bread.*

(c) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

(d) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hand.*

(e) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every vessel, in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

The Oblation.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make, having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we

The Invocation.

most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, of thy Almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his Death and Passion, may be par-

takers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Order for the Burial of the Dead.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die (*St. John* xi. 25, 26). I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another (*Job* xix. 25, 26, 27). We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord (1 *Tim.* vi. 7. *Job* i. 21).

LORD, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebuke dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order:

Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest. thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in

weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours (*Rev.* xiv. 13).

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And

we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sickness, God's Visitation.

(Read exhortation in "Visitation of the sick," p. 18.)

SEE now that I, even I, am He, and there is no God with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand (*Deut.* xxxii. 39). The Lord killeth, and maketh alive; He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked

shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail (1 *Sam.* ii. 6, 9). Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: for He maketh sore, and bindeth up: He woundeth, and His hands make whole. And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin (*Job* v. 6, 8, 18, 24). In my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: Thou, Lord, of Thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong. Thou didst turn Thy face from me, and I was troubled. Then cried I unto Thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be Thou my helper (*Ps.* xxx. 6, 7, 8, 11). I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: but My mercy shall not depart away from him (2 *Sam.* vii. 14, 15). If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world (1 *Cor.* xi. 31, 32). Who knoweth not that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this, in Whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind? (*Job* xii. 9, 10). Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens (*Lam.* iii. 37, 40, 41).

O GOD, our first Beginning and our last End; help us to receive affliction as from Thy hand. Thy right it is to do with us as Thou wilt, and never will Thy Fatherly goodness suffer us to be troubled without cause: yet, remembering whereof we are made, and that we are but dust, chasten us not in Thy heavy displeasure, but as the children of Thy love. And as we are members—though erring and unworthy—of Thy Well-beloved Son, let His perfect obedience, His pas-

sion and death plead for us, and for the sake of His infinite merits leave us not without the comforts of Thy grace and saving health; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O God, All-Holy; teach us to know our sinfulness and Thy hatred of sin; that we may be filled with a godly sorrow, and so bewail our offences that we may be reconciled to Thee by a true repentance; for the sake of . . .

ALMIGHTY God; have mercy upon us Thy unworthy servants; remember not our iniquities; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; that we who of our wilfulness have offended Thee may of Thy mercy be pardoned; for the sake of . . .

HIDE not, O Lord, as in anger the face of Thy mercy from us who repent; nor enter Thou into judgment with us, O Lord, in Whose sight no man living shall be justified; but quickly hear and help us who hope in Thee alone, and lift up our souls to the fountain of Thy grace. Let us hear Thy loving-kindness betimes, and show Thou us Thy way, that walking rightly in it we may finally attain to our heavenly home; through . . .

O ALMIGHTY God, Who when we were in the bondage of sin didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ to be our Deliverer; have mercy upon us as our trust is in Thee. Quicken our hearts with grateful love, that we may come to Thee with such sincerity of confession as shall enable us, whilst accepting every discipline of Thy fatherly love, still to have faith and sure confidence in Thine inexhaustible mercy. Reveal unto us the efficacy of the death and passion of Thy dear Son as the atonement for all sin. Open our eyes that we may understand the law of Thy new covenant, and may realize the Divine and comfortable assistance of our Great High-Priest in the ministry of reconciliation committed to Thy holy Church. Stablish us with Thy free Spirit

in the joyous obedience of Thy children. Bring us under the shelter of Thy wings, that we may be kept in Thy peace, and praise Thee as the God of our health for ever; through the merits of . . .

O LORD God of all heavenly power, Who dost drive away disease and infirmity from these bodies of our frailness and mortality, by the might of Thy Divine command; mercifully send aid to this Thy servant, and so put away *his* weakness and restore *his* strength that *he* may speedily with renewed health praise Thy holy Name; through . . .

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, by Whose Providence all things are ordered in heaven and in earth: look graciously upon Thy servant visited with Thine hand. May *he* see herein a sign of Thy ever-watchful care and loving-kindness, and learn to realize more deeply the nearness of Thy presence. And grant that examining with all diligence *his* state in Thy sight, and truly seeking forgiveness and strength of Thee, *his* sickness may be profitable unto *him;* through . . .

Benediction.

ALMIGHTY God put away from thee all hurtful things, and mercifully pour down upon thee the abundance of His blessing.

For our Profit.

(*Read exhortation in "Visitation of the Sick," p.* 18.)

I KNOW, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled (*Ps.* cxix. 75). Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty (*Job* v. 17). He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold (*Job* xxiii. 10). We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost Which is given unto us (*Rom.* v. 3, 4, 5). It became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their Salvation perfect through sufferings. (*Heb.* ii. 10). Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him That was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered (*Heb.* v. 7, 8). I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit (*St. John* xv. 1, 2). Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. (*Heb.* xii. 11). Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, the law from His mouth, and lay up His words in thy heart. Then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows (*Job* xxii. 21, 22, 26, 27).

O Lord God, Who lightenest every man that cometh into the world; let the light of Thy Holy Spirit shine into our hearts, that we may fully know our sins both of omission and of commission, and may confess them truly, and amend our lives to Thy honor and glory, attaining by Thy mercy unto the salvation of our souls; through . . .

O ETERNAL God, Whose being was before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made, even from everlasting and

world without end; have mercy upon us, children of men, who fade away suddenly like the grass: remove our misdeeds from before Thee, and our secret sins from the light of Thy countenance: be gracious unto us in the pardon of all our offences, in restraining the power and malice of our spiritual foes, and in giving us opportunities and means of grace: and so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; through . . .

O PITIFUL Lord, and most merciful Redeemer, Who seest us and knowest all our thoughts, and Who dost weigh in Thy just balance our mistakes and our transgressions; though our sins call loudly to Thy justice, yet do our miseries and our needs cry more loudly to Thy compassion and Thy infinite mercies. Great as is our ill-desert, it cannot exceed Thy power to redeem us and Thy grace to forgive; nor can we long to be saved so much as Thou dost long to save us. Enter Thou, Loving Lord, into our hearts: cast out from thence Thy enemies; cherish there the fruits of Thy Holy Spirit; and grant unto us submissive and untiring obedience to Thy will, righteous and pure desires, and a spirit of constant prayer. Light of the world, enlighten us: Life of the sinful, grant us life: Fountain of love, fill us with love of Thee, and in that love sanctify us wholly: Heavenly Physician, heal us, in body and in soul; for Thou only hast power; and make us to desire so to be healed as Thou, All-Wise, wouldest have us to be. And bring us, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost . . .

O LORD God, our Father, our Guardian and our Guide, we are strangers upon the earth, far removed from our country, in darkness, and walking in the shadow of death; let not Thy commandments be hidden from us; open our eyes with the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may see the wondrous things of Thy law, and give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, and adore Thy majesty, and obey all Thy righteous precepts. O quicken us according to Thy word, refresh

our weariness, comfort our sadness, and set us at liberty from the bondage of sin, from the fetters of temptation and from the vanities of the world, that we may come at last to the land of eternal rest and righteousness; through . . .

GRANT, O Lord, that we may never sleep in sin, nor in death eternal, but may have our part in the first resurrection, that the second death may have upon us no power; and that in the day when Thou makest up Thy jewels, our souls may be numbered among the righteous; through . . .

O MOST merciful Lord, Who healest the inward man by outward affliction, and by troubles in this world dost prepare us for eternal joys in the world to come; by that cup of sorrow which Thou drankest for us, and by that weary path in which Thou didst walk, grant that we may willingly drink of Thy cup, and with a good courage follow Thee along the road where Thou hast gone before; Who, with . . .

O SON of God, our Saviour, True Word of the Father, by Whom all things were made, and Who didst create us for happiness and not for sufferings, and not for sickness but for health; make us to know and feel that all our times are in Thy hand, and if Thou sendest upon us trouble, it is for our profit that we may be partakers of Thy holiness. Grant to us a constant trust in Thee, Who art ever touched with the feeling of our infirmities and Who makest all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Strengthen our weakness, give unto us grace to bear every cross, loose us from every bond of evil, and by Thy Holy Spirit pour into our hearts love for Thy law, obedience to Thy doctrine, and submission to Thy will. Help us to live as Thou dost command and to die unto all that Thou dost forbid. And as Thou hast created us for Thyself, so may we wholly give ourselves unto Thee, and in Thee find our rest; Who, with . . .

O GOD, the Life of the faithful, and the Bliss of the righteous; mercifully receive the prayers of Thy suppliants, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance; through . . .

O LORD Almighty, King of saints, Who correctest us but givest us not over unto death, Who upholdest all such as fall and liftest up all those that are down, and Who orderest the bodily afflictions of men; we pray Thee to send Thy mercy upon us for our healing in body and in soul. Deliver us from all suffering, disease, and weakness. Be Thou the Physician of this Thy servant, raise *him* from the bed of sickness and infirmity, and restore *him* in health to Thy Church, that doing Thy will *he* may in all things please Thee; through . . .

Benediction.

CHRIST, the Son of God, Who bore the shame of the cross in the body of our mortality, deliver thee from every hurtful suffering of pain.

Repentance.

I.—Conviction of Sin.

SEEK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (*Isa.* lv. 6, 7). In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (*St. Matt.* iii. 1, 2). He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (*Prov.* xxviii. 13). It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not (*Lam.* iii. 22). If we say that we

have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 *St. John* i. 8, 9). Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord: and I will not cause Mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and ye have not obeyed My voice, saith the Lord (*Jer.* iii. 12, 13). Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel (*St. Mark* i. 14, 15). Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (*Isa.* i. 18). If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice; (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them (*Deut.* iv. 29–31). There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (*St. Luke* xv. 10).

O GOD, in Whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and Who chargest even Thine angels with folly; mercifully enlighten our souls that we may see our weakness and sin, and with all lowliness of heart turn unto Thee the only Giver of all goodness; through . . .

O GOD, Who gavest such grace of humility unto Thy holy Apostle St Paul that he acknowledged himself the chief of sinners; grant that we who are still

lagging behind in the race of salvation may so bewail our sins and offences as to find mercy with Thee; through . . .

O God, Who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; mercifully grant unto us such a sense of sin that we may receive cleansing; and such cleansing that we may be made pure in heart and may see Thee for evermore; through . . .

O GOD, Righteous Father, Whose mercy is as great as our unworthiness; we implore Thee for the sake of Thy Son our Saviour to be merciful to this Thy servant. Awaken *him* to repentance; and wash away we pray Thee *his* sins, their guilt and their stain; and remember them no more. Make *him* so truly penitent and believing that if it please Thee to raise *him* up again, *he* may lead a new life, in Thy fear and to Thy glory; or else, so prepare *him* against the day of death, that *he* may depart hence with a sure trust in Thy mercy in our Lord Jesus Christ, and a peaceful hope of the resurrection at the last day. Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him Who died to save us from eternal death, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

O GOD, Restorer and Lover of innocency, Who hast said by the mouth of Thy prophet "As I live, I desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may be converted and live"; we humbly and devoutly pray Thee to stretch forth Thy merciful hand unto Thy fallen servants, to lift them out of the dust, and to cleanse and save them from all their sins; through . . .

HEAR our prayers, O Lord, and let not the compassion of Thy mercy be far from Thy servants; heal their wounds, pardon their sins, that no iniquities may part them from Thee, but that they may ever cling unto Thee their God; through . . .

O THOU Who art good, and the fountain of mercy to all who with fervent faith come unto Thee; deliver Thy servant from all *his* infirmities, heal *his* sickness, and grant unto *him* Thy divine grace; through . . .

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; let Thy merciful ears be open to our prayers on behalf of Thy servant; make *him* to know *his* danger; convince *him* of the guilt of *his* sins; show *him* the certainty of the judgment to come, that so turning to Thee now with humble confession of *his* sins, and hearty desire of amendment, *he* may hereafter experience Thy pardoning love, and be admitted into Thy heavenly kingdom; for the sake of . . .

EVERLIVING God, Searcher of hearts; make known to us the charge that lies so heavily against us that we may confess and bewail, abhor and forsake our sins. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, Most Merciful Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner: for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past; and by Thy mighty grace confirm and strengthen us in all goodness during the remainder of our lives, that our death may be blessed, and that we may find mercy at the great day; through . . .

O GOD, let Thy glory be magnified by saving a sinner, by redeeming a captive slave, by enlightening a soul overwhelmed in darkness, by changing a wicked heart, by pardoning innumerable transgressions, iniquities and sins. Apply unto us all the life-giving medicines of Thy Son's passion, death and resurrection to save us against the powers of Satan, against weakness and despair. Thou never failest them that seek Thee. Let us who seek Thee be found of Thee, and be kept by Thee unto obedience in this world and everlasting life in the world to come; through . . .

O MOST merciful God; grant us, we pray Thee, Thy grace by which we may trustfully cling unto Thee in joy and sorrow. May we love and fear Thee, and praise and adore Thee. O Father, Thy will be done in us, for thy judgments are right, and Thou of Thy faithfulness hast caused us to be troubled. Blessed

be Thy Name for evermore; and since Thou alone knowest what is good for us, do with us whatever may be for our salvation and Thy glory; through . . .

Benediction.

THE Lamb of God Who taketh away the sins of the world grant to thee a penitent spirit and bestow upon thee the gifts of His salvation.

Repentance.

II.—Confession of Sin.

O ISRAEL, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them (*Hos.* xiv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 9). He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light (*Job* xxxiii. 27, 28). I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son (*St. Luke* xv. 18, 19). Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: that which I see not teach Thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more (*Job* xxxiv. 31, 32). I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him, until He plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: He will bring me forth to the

light, and I shall behold His righteousness. Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us: He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea (*Micah* vii. 9, 18, 19). Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that Thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from Thee. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes (*Job* xlii. 1, 2, 5, 6). All things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 *Cor.* v. 18–21). [*Psalms* vi. xxxii. xxxviii. li. cii. cxxx. cxliii. *Daniel* ix. 4–19. *St. Luke* xv.]

O ALMIGHTY Judge, Who visitest Thy servants with temporal punishments that their souls may be saved in Thy great day; correct this Thy servant, who is willing to bear chastisement for *his* sins in this life that thou mayest not punish *him* in the life to come; and grant that *he* may so be judged by thee for *his* sins and so judge *himself* for them here, that *he* may have nothing but mercy, without judgment, to receive at Thy hands hereafter; through . . .

O LORD, as we add day to day, so sin to sin. But we turn with groans from our evil ways, and with all the heart turn unto Thee. We repent, help Thou our impenitence. Have mercy upon us

after Thy great goodness, according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences. Remit the guilt, heal the wound, blot out the stains, clear away the shame, rescue from the tyranny of them. From secret faults cleanse us, from presumptous sins keep us back. Our wanderings of mind and idle talking lay not to our charge. Remove the dark and muddy flood of foul and wicked thoughts. Deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities. Look mercifully upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy All-Holy Name turn from us all those ills and miseries which by our sins are most righteously and worthily deserved: and lift up our hearts to have hope in Thy mercy; through . . .

O THOU Who in mercy and compassion healest our diseases of body and of soul, O Thou Great Physician heal *him* who lieth here in sickness, and grant *him* Thy salvation; Who livest . . .

BY Thy overflowing mercy, heal, O merciful God, the pains, the weakness, and the increasing sickness of this Thy servant, whose strength faileth *him* through the sharpness of *his* sufferings, that being delivered *he* may gratefully give thanks unto Thee; through . . .

O LORD God, forgive our sins, and grant us Thy mercy that hearkening unto the prayer of our lips Thou mayest look upon the lowliness and suffering of Thy servant. Loose *his* bonds, blot out *his* offences, regard *his* distress, drive away *his* trouble, and in Thy bountiful mercy fulfil our petitions; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, for our sakes wast Thou born, for our sakes didst Thou hunger and thirst, for our sakes didst Thou teach and pray, for our sakes didst Thou suffer, and give Thy life over unto death. As Thou dost make us to share in Thy sufferings, make us to share also in Thy merits. May Thy blood wash away the stains of our sins. May Thy righteousness cleanse away our unrighteousnesses. May Thy merits plead for us when we stand before Thee as our Judge.

As sickness increases on this Thy servant so do Thou increase unto *him* Thy grace. Let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* love wax cold. Let not the dread of death cause *him* to cast away *his* confidence in Thee, or to place it anywhere but in Thee, but looking steadfastly unto Thee to the last let *him* say, "into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;" to Whom be honor and praise, world without end . . .

Benediction.

OUR Saviour, Christ, Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, support thee in trial and grant thee His peace. *Amen.*

Faith in God the Father.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength (*Isa.* xxvi. 3, 4). The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him (*Nahum* i. 7). Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit (*Jer.* xvii. 7 8). God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 *St. John* iv. 8, 9, 10). What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (*Rom.* viii. 31, 32). Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not

unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (*Prov.* iii. 5, 6). Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him (*Job* xiii. 15). Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth (*Isa.* xii. 2, 5). The Lord liveth; and blessed be my strong Helper, and praised be the God of my salvation (*Ps.* xviii. 47). Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He That hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name; for the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth from generation to generation (*Ps.* c. 2, 3, 4).

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, hear us Thy servants, whom Thou hast enabled to put our trust in Thee; and grant us both to ask such things as shall please Thee, and also to obtain what we ask; through . . .

O GOD, the Truth, and the Everlasting Light, Who hast made faith the beginning of man's salvation, and the foundation of all righteousness, enlighten and strengthen our hearts by Thy Spirit, that believing Thy word, and confessing that which we believe, we may attain unto the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls; through . . .

O GOD, beneath Whose eyes every heart trembles, and all consciences are afraid; be merciful to the groanings of all, and heal the wounds of all; that as not one of us is free from fault, so not one may be shut out from pardon; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, in union with Thy sorrow, whereby Thou tookest upon Thyself the cause of sorrow, and becamest a remedy for our sins, we acknowledge before Thee all our manifold transgres-

sions, the evil we have done, the good we have left undone, and what we have done carelessly, or without a pure intention, even as Thou knowest them all in full number, weight, and measure. O Lord, the deep of our misery calleth unto the deep of Thy pity. Thou hatest nothing that Thou hast made: grant to us Thy forgiveness now in the season of mercy and grace, and while the time of amendment lasts enable us to attain to the glory of Thy blessing, that in the day of judgment Thy terrible curse fall not upon us; hear us, we beseech Thee for Thy mercy's sake; Who livest . . .

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, from Whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and Who hast taught us to take no anxious thoughts about our life, but to trust all to Thy fatherly care; give us grace to rest with perfect confidence upon Thy goodness and love; help us to cast away all faithless and murmuring thoughts; strengthen us to believe in Thee as our Father in heaven, and in all our earthly anxieties and troubles and sorrows to look up to Thee as children to their father, and to commit ourselves with patience into Thy hands, knowing that Thou wilt never fail us if we put our whole trust in Thee; and this we beg for the sake of . . .

O LORD, Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies, Who didst send Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal all sickness and to ransom us from death; heal this Thy servant from the infirmities of *his* soul and body, through the grace of Thine Anointed; and quicken *him* so to perform Thy good pleasure that *he* may in all holiness give Thee due thanks and adoration; through . . .

Benediction.

THE blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee and all belonging to thee, and dwell in thy heart, and be with thee in thy going out and thy coming in, now and for ever.

Faith in God the Son.

BUT now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time, His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (*Rom.* iii. 21–26). When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God, through Christ (*Gal.* iv. 4–7). This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 *Tim.* i. 15). Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (*Acts* iv. 12). Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ That died, yea rather, That is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us (*Rom.* viii. 34). If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life (*Rom.* v. 10). If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: and He is the Propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 *St. John* ii. 1, 2). Christ hath

once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God (1 *St. Peter* iii. 18). He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them (*Heb.* vii. 25). Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, That is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest Which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (*Heb.* iv. 14–16).

O MOST Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, Very God, full of loving-kindness and truth; have pity on us according to the multitude of Thy mercies. We pray Thee, by Thy most precious Blood which Thou didst shed upon the altar of the Cross for us miserable sinners, take away our sins and turn not Thyself from us, who though unworthy humbly entreat Thee, and call for mercy upon Thy most holy Name; Who, with . . .

O LOVING Saviour, Who wast once a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief that Thou mightest bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, even all the sufferings of all Thy children through all the groaning generations, and this very burden also pressing heavily here; make us willing and trustful to know the fellowship of Thy sufferings, and in holiness and obedience of life the power of Thy resurrection: that when Thy ransomed ones shall return and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads, we may with them praise Thee with all thankfulness; Who, with . . .

O SAVIOUR divine, and gracious Shepherd of our souls, Who didst come down from heaven to seek and save the lost; we bless Thee for Thy goodness, and confess our need of Thee; for we are astray and in misery, wanting in holiness, wounded by many

sins, and of slow and feeble steps in the heavenly way. Receive our penitent prayers and grant us Thy merciful forgiveness: and because we are poor in virtues and often without strong desires after true righteousness, help us by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, supplying unto our souls what is lacking, and cherishing that which Thou hast begun in us. Keep we pray Thee our names written amongst those who are Thine, in Thy book of life. Take away from our hearts all that blinds or hinders them from seeing, knowing, receiving and loving Thee. May Thy will be wholly done in us: and if this weary flesh would have aught else than that which Thou seest to be best, Oh control and sustain us in body and soul that we may be submissive to Thy love, and find our rest in Thee, both here and hereafter; Who livest . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Who didst come into the world to make reconciliation for sinful men, and to save them from the punishment which sin deserved; give us grace to rest in faith on Thy one sacrifice offered upon the Cross for all; and to believe in Thee with our whole souls as the Lamb of God Which taketh away the sins of the world. O Lord, hear us; O Lord, plead for us; O Lord, increase our faith; and at last take us to Thyself; Who, with . . .

O GRACIOUS Lord, by Whose word man lives and not by any human means alone; direct, we pray Thee, the counsels of those who prescribe to this Thy servant, and prosper the medicines which are used to procure *him* ease and strength. As their part who administer to *him* is the care, so let Thine be the blessing, and *his* the comfort; and as *he* regards them as Thy instruments, so let *him* own Thee as the Author of *his* mercies, and to Thee give thanks, and pay *his* vows and services; through . . .

Benediction.

GOD, the Ever-blessed Trinity, be gracious unto thee, sustain thee in His fear and love, and give thee peace, now and forevermore.

Faith in God the Holy Ghost.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, Which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid (*St John* xiv. 1–3, 15–17, 25–27). When the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, Which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me. He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you (*St. John* xv. 26; xvi. 13–15). Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through

Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (*Titus* iii. 5–7). Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people (2 *Cor.* vi. 16). Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together (*Rom.* viii. 15, 16, 17). The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost Which is given unto us (*Rom.* v. 5). Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (*Rom.* viii. 26). The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law (*Gal.* v. 22, 23). The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 *Thess.* v. 23).

O ALMIGHTY God, help Thou our weakness, and because we can neither do nor even pray for what is right, of ourselves, arouse by Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts good desires; that by Thy loving-kindness there may be given unto us both the will to ask and the power to accomplish what is well-pleasing unto Thee; through . . .

O LORD, our Judge and our Redeemer; hearken unto us for Thy truth and righteousness' sake; deliver us from our sins and from the punishments due unto us for the same. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified; but look upon us in Thy mercy. Show us the way that we should walk in; teach us to do that

which pleaseth Thee; quicken our souls in the path of life; let Thy Holy Spirit be ever with us, and bring us into the land of perfect righteousness, there to dwell with Thee, world without end; Who livest . . .

LET Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, and the brightness of Thy Spirit illumine our souls; that He may kindle our cold hearts with Thy love, and sanctify them with holy desires, healing all our infirmities with His mighty power, Who abideth evermore with Thee in glory: through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, One God, world without end.

O SUN of righteousness, Who camest to bring light into the world by Thy word, and example, and by the illumination of Thy Holy Spirit; let Thy Spirit lead us, Thy example guide us, and Thy word be our instruction; leave not our souls in our own hands but keep us under Thy government and care; that applying our hearts to accomplish Thy holy will always, even unto the end, we may possess Thy righteousness as our portion and inheritance forever. Grant this, O blessed Jesus, for Thy mercies' sake: Who with . . .

O LOVING Spirit; lead Thou us forth in the ways of holiness and into the land of righteousness. Subdue within us every wrong affection and selfish imagination. Teach us to do the Heavenly Father's will; and help us to delight in doing it though it be by the endurance of weakness and pain. Be Thou ever with us, O Fountain of eternal purity and peace. Bring to our minds all helpful and holy recollections. Fill us with longing for perfect love of Thee, and satisfy the desire of our souls with Thy grace, O Life-giving Spirit; Whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify as One God, world without end.

O FATHER of mercies, God of love; let not the voice of the tempter, or the whispers of doubt darken Thy promise to our souls, or drive us from Thy side. Forgive every thought of distrust, and help our

unbelief. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost; for the sake of Him in Whom Thou hast made known Thy love, Jesus Christ our Lord.

O HOLY Spirit of grace; help our infirmities. Keep us from every thought displeasing to Thee. Make us wise unto salvation. Sanctify us in body and soul with Thy heavenly blessings. In us is no merit to attract Thy mercy and goodness, but only the need and necessity of our misery and blindness: vouchsafe unto us Thy pitying and mighty help notwithstanding our great unworthiness. Protect us in the trials and temptations of this evil world: and by Thy light and presence lead us in the way of everlasting life; through . . .

O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Who dost enable the weakness of man's nature by pouring out on it the excellency of Thy strength, so that our bodies and souls are quickened by the wholesome correction of Thy loving-kindness; mercifully look upon this Thy servant, that all weight of bodily sickness being taken away, the blessing of *his* former health may be restored to *him;* through . . .

O GOD of hope; fill us, we beseech Thee, with all joy and peace in believing, that abounding in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost, we may steadily press on to those good things which Thou hast promised to those that shall endure unto the end; through . . .

Benediction.

THE grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten thee, and bring thee unto joys everlasting.

Forgiveness of Wrongs Received.

HE that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city (*Prov.* xvi. 32). The discretion of a man deferreth his anger: and it is his glory to pass over a transgression (*Prov.* xix. 11). He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls (*Prov.* xxv. 28). I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (*Eph.* iv. 1–3). Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously (1 *St. Peter* ii. 21–23). Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful (*St. Luke* vi. 36). If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift (*St. Matt.* v. 23, 24). Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee until seven times: but, until seventy times seven (*St. Matt.* xviii. 21, 22). Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father Which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust (*St. Matt.* v. 44, 45). And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also Which is in Heaven may forgive you your

trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father Which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses (*St. Mark* xi. 25, 26). He shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment (*St. Jas.* ii. 13). Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (*Eph.* iv. 32). Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity (1 *Cor.* xiii. 13). This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (*St. John* xv. 12–14).

O SON of the Living God, our Saviour and our Life, in all our mortal miseries and sorrows our only Help, and our only Source of health; we, adoring Thy love, and appealing to Thy mercy, confess unto Thee that we have often been forgetful of Thee, obdurate to Thy counsels, blind to Thy teaching, deaf to Thy calls, rebellious against Thy law, pleased with self and the world, wearied with spiritual things, loving what Thou abhorrest and hating what Thou lovest, and ungrateful for Thy mercies: and Thou, true Friend of our souls, full of compassion, and longing to bless us with Thy salvation. O infinite Love, forgive: remember not our offences, but have compassion on Thy creatures and Thy redeemed, whose necessities cry aloud in the ears of that love and pity which brought Thee down from heaven to seek and save the lost. Melt our coldness with the divine fire of Thy love. Help our helplessness. Restore us unto Thee. Make us to be wholly Thine; that we may in all things obey Thee, and be ready to suffer according to Thy holy will. Grant this, Merciful Saviour, Who, with . . .

O GOD, Who art slow to anger, and of great kindness, and ready to forgive; grant unto us to be of a mild, a peaceable, a meek, and an humble spirit, that remembering our own infirmities we may have for-

bearance towards those of others, and may be patient towards all men, gentle and easy to be entreated. Help us in overcoming all pride and prejudice, and every wish to render evil for evil. Make us disciples not in word only but in deed and truth of a lowly Saviour: and for lack of showing mercy may we not fail of receiving mercy when He cometh to judge the world. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O GOD, Fountain of love: pour Thy love into our souls, that we may love those whom Thou lovest, with the love Thou givest us, and think and speak of them tenderly, meekly, and lovingly; that so loving our brethren for Thy sake, we may grow in Thy love, and dwelling in love may dwell in Thee; through . . .

GLORY, honor, and praise be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ; may all the world adore Thee: blessed be Thy holy Name, Who for us sinners wast made man, and sufferedst death on the cross. O Saviour of mankind, have mercy upon us, and so lead us here by Thy grace that we may hereafter rejoice with Thee in glory. Forgive our enemies all their sins against Thee, and give us that measure of Thy Spirit, that for their ill-will we may love them, for their cursing we may bless them, for their hatred we may do them good. Give us patience under all injuries, and content under all conditions and changes. Deliver us from an angry, contentious disposition, from an evil tongue and bitter words. Let Thy example constrain us, and Thy gentleness soften us, even as Thy death by sinners and for sinners bringeth to us salvation. Hear us, O forgiving Saviour and Lord; Who livest . . .

BLESSED Jesus, Whose charity all the malice of Thy bitterest enemies could not overcome; shed abroad in our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues; forgive those who have injured us, and grant that as we are all members of the same body, have one and the same Father, and

Saviour, and Spirit of love, and hope to meet in the same Paradise, so we may live in mercifulness and peace; for Thy sake, Who livest . . .

O MOST loving Jesus, Pattern of charity, Who makest all the commandments of the law to consist in love towards God and towards man; grant us so to love Thee with all our heart, with all our mind, and all our soul, and our neighbor for Thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us; fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness, and compassion; so that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow Thee, Who art Thyself the true and perfect Love; and Who livest . . .

O MOST meek Jesus, Prince of peace, Who when Thou wast reviled, reviled not again, and Who on the cross didst pray for Thy murderers; implant and cherish in our hearts the virtues of gentleness and patience, that restraining the fierceness of anger, impatience, and resentment, we may overcome evil with good, for Thy sake love our enemies, and as children of our Heavenly Father seek Thy peace and rejoice in Thy love; Who livest . . .

O LORD, forasmuch as it is an easy thing with Thee to give life to the dead; restore, we pray Thee, this Thy servant to *his* former health; and grant that seeking the salvation of Thy heavenly mercy, *he* may also find remedy for *his* bodily ills; through . . .

Benediction.

THE Lord Jesus Christ Who suffered for thee make thee so to bear with Him the cross that thou mayest at length attain unto the crown.

Reparation for Wrongs Done.

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before His Anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you (1 *Sam.* xii. 1–3). Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord: behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor: and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (*St. Luke* xix. 8–10). If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live (*Ezek.* xxxiii. 15, 16). He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, Who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit (1 *Thess.* iv. 8). Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor (*Rom.* xiii. 7). Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he hath sworn falsely;

he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering (*Lev.* vi. 4, 5). If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory (*Col.* iii. 1–4).

O GOD, All Holy; bestow upon us Thy compassion. We hardly dare to ask what we do not deserve to obtain. Let Thy forgiveness comfort those whom their guilt alarms. Receive our confession, Thou Who only art our hope. Justify and revive us, Thou Who justifiest the ungodly and quickenest the dead. Spare and pity us, not according to our deserts, but according to Thy great mercy. In the boundlessness of Thy loving-kindness receive and save us; through . . .

O LORD, rebuke us not in Thy fiery anger, neither condemn us forever with the lost. We acknowledge our faults and pray for pardon. The remembrance of our sins is heavy upon us; our soul is distressed, there is no health in our flesh; forsake us not, O Lord our God; withdraw not Thy grace from us; but haste Thee to help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name; through . . .

BLESSED Jesus, Who wast betrayed by one of Thy chosen, and wast sold into the hands of wicked men, to redeem us from sin and death; grant us never to be false to Thee; root out of us the love of money, and make us content with that which we have; that loving Thee above all things we may persevere unto the end, and at last be found in the number of Thine elect; through Thy merits, Who livest . . .

O EVERLIVING God, be Thou our portion and the lot of our inheritance, and let Thy loving-kindness be more to us than life itself. Give to us repentance and Thy Holy Spirit, that we calling our own ways to remembrance may be truly sorrowful for our sins past, and may make haste, prolonging not the time, but early and instantly turn our feet unto Thy testimonies. Grant that we may so judge ourselves, and so do righteously unto all men that we be not condemned at the last by Thy righteous judgment. Guide us by Thy counsel and help us by Thy grace, that in all things we may please Thee both in will and deed; through . . .

THOU God of righteousness and truth, Whose blessing resteth only on those who being justified by faith strive to obey Thy just and holy law; mercifully blot out our manifold transgressions, which we have committed through unbelief toward Thee or injustice towards our fellow-men. Bless all those whom we have wronged, or defrauded, or scorned, or slighted. Help us to restore to them fourfold for every injury, and henceforth to walk with them in uprightness and true charity. And so may Thy benediction rest on our souls, our families, and on Thy Church in which we are members; through . . .

O MOST just and holy God, Who hast commanded us to make restitution to those to whom we have done any wrong; give this Thy servant grace, we beseech Thee, that in what instance soever *he* may have injured another, whether in soul or body, in estate or reputation, *he* may make satisfaction and reparation to the uttermost of *his* power. And where *his* own ability shall fail, we most earnestly pray Thee not to avenge upon *his* head the cause of the injured; but Thine Own Self doing right to the wronged, according to Thy accustomed goodness, exact not of *him* that which Thou suppliest for *him;* and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who helpest them that are in danger and necessity, and with mercy temperest Thy chastisements; we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest visit this Thy servant, and raise *him* up from this sickness wherewith *he* is afflicted, and restore *him* whole to Thy Church; through . . .

Benediction.

GOD Who bringeth to light the hidden things of darkness, and maketh manifest the counsels of the hearts, give unto thee the knowledge of thyself in the face of Christ Jesus our Lord, and also grace and obedience through the Same unto everlasting life.

Before Making a Will.

TEACH me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee; for Thou art my God: let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake; and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble (*Ps.* cxliii. 10, 11). Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live (2 *Kings* xx. 1). Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (*Rom.* xiii. 8). While we have time let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith (*Gal.* vi. 10). Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth; and deliver not Thou him into the will of his enemies. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; make Thou all his bed in his sickness (*Ps.* xli. 1–3). A small thing that the righteous hath, is better than great riches of the ungodly. The Lord knoweth the days of the godly; and their inheritance shall endure forever. They shall not be confounded in

the perilous time; and in the days of dearth they shall have enough. The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again, but the righteous is merciful and liberal. Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land; and they that are cursed of Him shall be rooted out. The Lord ordereth a good man's going, and maketh his way acceptable to Himself. Though he fall, he shall not be cast away; for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old, and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread. The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed (*Ps.* xxxvii. 16, 18, 19, 21–26). He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again (*Prov.* xix. 17). The Lord Himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; Thou shalt maintain my lot. The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; yea, I have a goodly heritage. I will thank the Lord for giving me warning. Thou shalt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore (*Ps.* xvi. 6, 7, 8, 12). I love Thy commandments above gold and precious stones (*Ps.* cxix. 127). Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be (*Rev.* xxii. 12). Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me (*St. Matt.* xxv. 34–40).

O DIVINE and loving Saviour, Who wast unwearied in suffering for us, and art long-suffering and infinitely patient in waiting for our repentance that Thou mayest forgive; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins, that often Thou hast knocked at the door of our heart and we have refused to open unto Thee, often hast Thou called unto us and we have closed our ears from hearing, and often when Thou hadst come within us have we cast Thee forth, choosing death instead of Thee our only Life. Forgive, we beseech Thee, all that is past. Put an end by Thy grace to every departure of our thoughts or desires from Thee. Leave us not to follow our own will, but mould our will to Thine Conform us to whatsoever Thou dost command, and command whatsoever Thou wilt. Let not our sins frustrate Thy loving purposes towards us; but do Thou, we pray Thee, of Thy pity build up what we have destroyed, repair the ruin which we have wrought upon ourselves; glorify Thyself in our salvation, and reign within us. And since in Thy wisdom Thou permittest us to find troubles and sufferings in this life, be unto us strength and consolation according to our need, and, when our journey is done, be our rest: for Thy mercy's sake, Who, with . . .

ALMIGHTY God, Who puttest into our minds good desires and hast inclined Thy servant to set *his* house in order; grant that *he* may do it with wisdom and piety, according to the precepts of our holy religion and the dictates of right reason, that so being freed from all earthly cares and anxieties *he* may be the better able, before *he* go hence, to set in order the inward house of *his* soul; through . . .

GRANT, Gracious Lord, that this Thy servant may part with that with which Thou hast blessed *him* here, willingly and without grudging. Bless them into whose hands *he* commits it, that it may serve both to their temporal and eternal welfare. And grant to *him* that, when *his* earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dis-

solved, *he* may rest in peace and may receive at last a better and an enduring substance in Thy everlasting Kingdom; through . . .

O GOD, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift; grant Thy servant strength of mind and heart, in this time of *his* trouble, wisely and happily to settle *his* affairs. May *his* memory be in no wise at fault, and may *his* judgment be sound, that *he* may do nothing amiss or through partiality. Grant that *he* may be just to all men, thoughtful to *his* family and relatives, grateful to *his* friends, kind to *his* servants, and a benefactor to religion. Add moreover this, we pray Thee, to all Thy mercies, that in making *his* last will *he* may so faithfully discharge all engagements and fulfil all responsibilities, that no evil may follow *him* or cling to any part of that estate which *he* shall leave behind *him*; through . . .

ALL-BOUNTEOUS God, Whose loving-kindness is everlasting and Whose justice is infinite; mercifully grant Thy Holy Spirit unto this Thy servant, that *he* may be a faithful steward of that which Thou hast committed unto *his* charge, so as not to wrong any to whom *he* is bound by kinship or duty; and that showing compassion unto Thy poor, and piety unto Thy Church, *he* may by Thy mercy find treasure in Heaven; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst heal all manner of sickness and disease amongst Thy people; give Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to the means now used for the healing of Thy servant; that being raised from the bed of sickness *he* may worship Thee again in the courts of Thy house; Who, with . . .

Benediction.

THE Lord make ready for Himself a place in thy heart by good works through faith, that justified by Him forever thou mayest enter into His joy.

Thankfulness for Sickness.

IN everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 *Thess.* v. 18). Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy (1 St. Peter iv. 12, 13). My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 *Cor.* xii. 9). Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (*Phil.* iv. 6, 7). Praised be the Lord daily, even the God Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us. He is our God, even the God of Whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord, by Whom we escape death. O God, wonderful art Thou in Thy holy places, even the God of Israel. He will give strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God (*Ps.* lxviii. 19, 20, 35). [Psalm ciii will be found suitable for this office].

O LORD Almighty, we are not worthy to lift up so much as our eyes unto heaven; much less to present ourselves before Thee with any confidence that Thou shouldest hear our prayers and grant our requests, for conscience accuses us and our sins testify against us. Yet suffer us not to be swallowed up of despair and death, but in the multitude of Thy mercies pardon us, O Lord, for Thy goodness' sake. Thou art our Creator, and we the work of Thy hands, though of our own fault we be come into weakness and misery; yea, Thou art our Father, and we Thy children; Thou our shepherd, and

we of Thy flock; Thou our Redeemer, and we of Thy people purchased even with Thy precious blood; be merciful to us sinners, and visit us not according to our deservings but with Thy loving and compassionate salvation; through . . .

O HOLY Trinity, One God, Who cleansest man's heart from sin, and makest it whiter than snow; pour down Thy mercy upon us; renew in us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may show forth Thy praise, and strengthened by Thy grace may attain a place in the heavenly Jerusalem; through . . .

O MOST loving Father, Who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee, Who carest for us; preserve us from faithless fears and earthly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that Love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the great Physician, Who gavest unto Thine Apostles power to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease; assist with the Spirit of wisdom the endeavors of him who is striving to work the cure of Thy servant, and grant that the means employed by his skill may be blessed by Thy power; Who livest . . .

Benediction.

THE power of the Father, the wisdom of the Son and the love of the HolyGhost, the grace of the blessed and undivided Trinity, be with thee and preserve thee, now, henceforth, and for evermore.

For the Grace of Patience.

IN your patience possess ye your souls (*St. Luke* xxi. 19). Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons (*Heb.* xii. 6, 7). Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry (*Heb.* x. 35, 36, 37). Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (*St. James* i. 4). Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy (*St. James* v. 11). Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (*Heb.* xii. 1, 2). Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost (*Rom.* xv. 13).

O LORD Jesus, Advocate most powerful, we put our cause into Thy hands. Let Thy blood and Thy merits plead for our pardon. Say unto us as Thou didst unto the penitent in the Gospel, "Thy sins are forgiven." Thou wilt grant this mercy, for the very will to ask it is from Thee. Make perfect the work which Thou hast begun in us. May we live to bring forth fruits meet for repentance: and may we know the effects of Thy grace in the constancy of our devotion and service, in the faithful discharge of our duty, and in deeds of righteousness and charity. O Thou Who sought us

when we were astray, save us for Thy mercy's sake, and preserve that which Thou hast sought and found; Who livest . . .

LORD, be merciful unto us, for we have sinned in the midst of light, and even against light. Saviour All-pitiful, Refuge of sinners, our only trust is that our sins have not put us beyond the reach of Thy mercy which is infinite. Forgive, cleanse, and save: and fill us with a desire toward holiness, an obedience to Thy will, an acknowledgment of Thy goodness, and a zeal to honor Thee; Who livest . . .

OUR Saviour and our God, fix our souls on Thee, and let them not be anxious save that Thou shouldest make them what Thou lovest and dost will them to be. May Thy mercy overpower our sin, Thy strength uphold our weakness, Thy peace dispel our sadness, Thy fulness supply our need, Thy blood cleanse us wholly, that we may persevere in Thy grace, and be fitted to be presented unto Thee, holy through Thy holiness, clean through Thy cleansing, pure through Thy purity, loving through Thy love. Be Thou all in all to us to the end and in the end; be Thou, Good Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, all to us all throughout eternity; for Thy tender mercy and Thy pity's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD God, Who art our hope and our portion in the land of the living; consider our necessities; hide us under the shadow of Thy wings; keep us from all the dangers which multiply upon us when our spirits are in heaviness, and our bodies pressed with infirmities; be Thou always at our right hand and assist us with the strength of Thy grace, that our temptations and trials not being beyond our power derived from Thee, our souls may with confidence repose themselves upon Thee, while life shall last and in the hour of our departure hence, and may give eternal thanks unto Thy Name in the companies of the righteous; through . . .

TEACH us, merciful God, to submit ourselves both now and ever to Thy will and providence, and to cast all our care upon Thee, Who never leavest those that love Thee; and grant that we may so seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, that all good things may be added unto us; through . . .

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who helpest them that are in trouble and necessity, and graciously minglest mercy with Thy chastisements; we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest raise this Thy servant from the sickness by which *he* is held, and present *him* sound to Thy Holy Church, to the praise and glory of Thy great Name; through . . .

Benediction.

GOD be gracious unto thee, and give thee a heart to serve Him, doing and suffering all His will with a good courage and a willing mind; through . . .

The Christian's Hope.

THUS saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick (*Ezek.* xxxiv. 11–14, 16). Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; for He is our Help and our Shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him; because we have hoped in His holy Name. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord,

be upon us, like as we do put our trust in Thee (*Ps.* xxxiii. 19–21). Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory (2 *Cor.* iv. 16, 17). Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all (*Ps.* xxxiv. 19). The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, and the Lord remaineth a King for ever (*Ps.* xxix. 9).

O MOST compassionate and mighty Saviour, Who didst enter into the Holy of Holies as our great High-Priest to present to Thy Father the acceptable sacrifice of His crucified Son, the sole Propitiation for sinners; hear us, we beseech Thee. O our Advocate, plead for us; O our Redeemer, ransom us from the guilt of our sins; O our Saviour, deliver us from their power. Raise our love from earthly things to rest on Thee: whom have we in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth we desire in comparison of Thee; therefore all love, all glory be to Thee, O Lord.

O MOST loving Lord Jesus Christ; we beseech Thee to pardon us whatsoever by our ill-doing we have knowingly or unknowingly committed against Thy law and the glory of Thy Name, or have caused others to commit; and all that by neglect of good works we have left undone. Direct, we pray Thee, all our thoughts, words and deeds according to Thy holy will and to Thy praise, and conform our lives to Thy example and our souls to Thy likeness; Who livest . . .

GRANT unto us, O God, that we may never be destitute of a well-grounded hope, nor yet possessed with a vain presumption. Suffer us not to think that Thou wilt either be reconciled to our sins or reject our repentance; but give us, we beseech Thee, such a hope as may both encourage and enable us to purify ourselves even as Thy Son our Lord is pure, that when He shall appear again with power and great glory we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious King-

dom, where with Thee O Father and Thee O Holy Ghost He liveth and reigneth ever One God, world without end.

O MOST loving Jesus, Who didst conquer death, and ascend in triumph into heaven, that Thou mightest prepare mansions in that blessed place for Thy redeemed and thence as Conqueror bestow the gifts of Thy conquest upon men; we pray Thee look with pity upon us Thy children, and grant that as we have been buried with Thee by baptism into death, so likewise we may be raised up with Thee to walk in newness of life; that being dead unto sin we may live unto God; and that having now our conversation in heaven, we may hereafter be welcomed by Thee into the enjoyment of our inheritance; for Thy sake and through Thy merits, O blessed Lord God, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest for ever and ever.

O GOD, Who never forsakest those who put their trust in Thee; grant that we may ever keep that hope which Thou hast given us by Thy word, as an anchor of our souls, sure and steadfast; to preserve us unshaken and secure in all the storms of this life; through . . .

O GOD of wonderful goodness and power, Who by Thy words and works dost command us though unworthy servants to look for true and everlasting blessings in Thee and from Thee; grant unto us such fervent hope in Thee as may rouse us to diligent labor to make our calling and election sure: through . . .

O GOD, our Protection and Refuge, arm us with the shield of Thy glorious defence and give to us for a helmet the hope of salvation, that we being helped by Thee in all time of our necessity may enter into the joy of them that love Thee; through . . .

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Lord, blessed forever in Thy patience and glorious in Thy meekness; we beseech Thee to render continual help to us Thy inconstant disciples, that we may learn to serve

Thee in a patience and meekness like Thine own, in long-suffering and gentleness of heart, in kindness and charity towards others, in self-distrust and submissson towards Thee. Dispose us cheerfully and steadfastly to suffer all things for Thy sake, knowing that if we suffer patiently with Thee here, we shall reign with Thee in Thy glory forever. Grant this, O our Saviour, of Thy wonderful compassion, and for Thy love's sake.

O LORD, infinite in mercy, and Whose goodness is everlasting; hear our prayer, and turn us away from all that can separate us from Thee, and make us to love that which tends to draw us unto Thee. So rule our hearts that we may seek and long for and possess Thee only. Be it our pain to lose Thee, and our only gain to love Thee more and more. Teach us to bear the burden of the flesh without sinning against Thee, to be willing to endure the suffering which Thou dost lay upon us in love, and to submit ourselves entirely to Thy will. Raise our desires and hopes, our whole powers and life, unto Thy holy and loving service. Bestow upon us what Thou seest us to need, and fit us to receive the good which Thou desirest to give, O Thou Who alone art our Life, our Light, and our Salvation; Who with . . .

O GOD Most merciful; look, we pray Thee, pitifully upon this Thy servant, and grant unto *his* body relief and restored health, and to *his* mind that peace which passeth all understanding; through . . .

Benediction.

THE Lord Jesus Who rose from the dead by the glory of the Father make thee to walk with Himself in newness of life, and bring thee unto the glory of His resurrection.

In Spiritual Depression.

WHO is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God (*Isa.* l. 10). Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give Him thanks, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God (*Ps.* xliii. 5, 6). Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death (*Ps.* xiii. 3). Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise. Be not a terror unto me: Thou art my hope in the day of evil (*Jer.* xvii. 14, 17). Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light (*St. Matt.* xi. 28–30). All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. And this is the will of Him That sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day (*St. John* vi. 37, 40). Thus saith the High and Lofty One That inhabiteth eternity, Whose Name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also and restore comforts unto him (*Isa.* lvii. 15, 16, 18). The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy

and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (*Isa.* xxxv. 10). For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord; and their souls shall be as a watered garden: and they shall not sorrow any more at all, for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow (*Jer.* xxxi. 11–13). Thus saith the Lord That created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord, thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. I, even I, am He That blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins (*Isa.* xliii. 1–3. 25). For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord That hath mercy on thee (*Isa.* liv. 10). They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Zion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about His people, from this time forth for evermore (*Ps.* cxxv. 1, 2).

O LORD Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Who for our sakes wast betrayed into the hands of wicked men, and didst suffer insult and scourging and crucifixion and mockery and death; we pray Thee look with mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with love for Thee Who hast so loved us; fulfil Thine own word, O Lord, and by Thy cross and passion draw us unto Thee, and bind us to Thee with the bonds of love; that we may bear all that may be laid upon us, patiently and meekly, after Thy example and for Thy sake; and grant that in

all our trials and temptations here we may be strengthened by the thought of all that Thou hast suffered and endured for us; Who, with . . .

O ALMIGHTY God, Who endurest for ever, and Thy remembrance throughout all generations; have pity upon us according to the infinite treasures of Thy loving-kindness; hear the voice of our groaning, for Thy indignation lieth hard upon us, and our sins have put an edge upon Thy sword, and a thorn into our wounded consciences. Help us in our sorrow, send us comfort, increase our hope. Give unto us health and life, with grace so to spend all our time in works of repentance and trust and holiness, that when our years fail, and our change is come, we may depart hence in Thy favor and in peace of soul; through . . .

LORD of all power and goodness; grant unto us a firm and unshaken trust in Thee. Pardon and blot out our sins. Give to us strength in temptation, patience in trial, and wise counsel in perplexity. Put into our minds holy thoughts, guard our words for us, work in us both to will and to do those things that are pleasing in Thy sight, make us to grow in grace and love, and to have perseverance unto the end; through . . .

COMFORT us, we beseech Thee, Gracious God, whensoever we are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world, and grant that by the energy of Thy Holy Spirit we may be enabled to go on our way rejoicing, and may at length appear before Thee in the City where the vision of Thy peace is manifested; through the same, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O GOD, Eternal and All-wise, Who seest the end from the beginning, and, for our safety dost cover us with a merciful veil that we shall understand but little of Thy wonderful and loving Providence; make us submissive to Thy will while we adore Thy greatness. Humble the pride of our hearts and keep

us from all discontent with Thine appointments. And inasmuch as Thou bringest good out of evil, and light out of darkness, and dost nourish strength in the souls of those who patiently endure pain and trials at Thy righteous hand, dispose us to a meek and thankful use of all Thy dealings with us, even of those which are darkest to our mortal sight, and so to glorify Thy holy Name; through . . .

O LORD Almighty, if it be Thy will still to lay Thy heavy hand upon our *brother* and to press *him* sore, we beseech Thee enable *him* to look beyond these passing clouds to that blessed place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, in which there is no darkness and no dread illusion; and, in humble thought of that peace and joy laid up in store for *him*, to resign *himself* to Thy present afflictive dispensations; through . . .

O ALMIGHTY Father, we entreat Thee so to confirm *his* trust in Thee that the remembrance of *his* sins may never incline *him* to despair of Thy loving-kindness; but may rather cause *him* to seek the Saviour's intercession in *his* behalf; and so quicken *him* to an unwearied attendance upon *his* duty as to enable *him* to have a sure confidence in the all-sufficient merits and mediation of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.

O GOD, the Giver of all wise thoughts, and the light of those who sit in darkness; incline this our afflicted *brother* to hearken unto wholesome counsels, and so dispose *his* heart that *he* may come to have a right understanding in all things and that the sad confusion of *his* thoughts may be reduced to order. O Lord, suffer *him* not to dishonor Thee and Thy holy religion; nor to call in question Thy great goodness and loving-kindness. Remove from *him*, we entreat Thee, all frightful apprehensions, and all perplexing doubts and scruples about *his* duty. Permit *him* not to indulge

his fears as though they were proofs of tenderness of spirit, and the fruits of Thy grace; but rather help *him* to strive against them; and make haste, O Lord, to show Thy mercy upon *him*, even for Thine own mercy's sake, in Jesus Christ, our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

O LORD our God, the Father Almighty, we render unto Thee as our frailty best can our highest thanks with our whole mind and soul; praying Thy infinite goodness that Thou wouldest hear and accept our prayers, and drive out the enemy from our deeds and thoughts; enlarge our faith, direct our desires, grant us spiritual thoughts, and bring us safe to endless blessedness; through . . .

O GOD, Who rulest Thy handiwork with tender compassion; hear our supplications, and mercifully look upon Thy servant laboring under great weakness of body. Visit *him* with Thy saving power, and grant *him* the medicine of Thy heavenly grace; that, being restored to *his* former health, *he* may praise Thee in the courts of Thy house, and say "the Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but He hath not given me over unto death;" and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.

UPON Thee, O Jesus Thou peace of the troubled heart, we cast ourselves. In all pains, discouragements, difficulties, dangers, weaknesses, and despondencies of this mortal life, may we depend upon Thy mercy, and on this build our hopes as on a sure foundation. Shine into our hearts with Thy light and love. Melt away all cold distrust. Save us from ourselves. Take away all sin. Make us like to Thyself, for Thy love and kindness' sake; Who, with . . .

O GOD, who didst permit Thy Blessed Son in His agony in Gethsemane to be sorrowful and very heavy, and didst send to His relief an angel from heaven; mercifully look upon Thy servant; send *him* comfort

from on high, relieve *his* distress of mind and body, and grant that Thy peace which passeth all understanding may keep *him* firmly resting on Thee, now and evermore; through . . .

(Also, prayer in "Visitation of the Sick," p. 23).

Benediction.

THE Lord increase upon thee the abundance of His blessing, and strengthen thee with the hope of His heavenly Kingdom.

In Process of Recovery.

O PRAISE our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life; and suffereth not our feet to slip. For Thou, O God, hast proved us; Thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried. I will go into Thine house with burnt offerings; and will pay Thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble (*Ps.* lxvi. 7, 8, 9, 12). We were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: but we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God Which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in Whom we trust that He will yet deliver us (2 *Cor.* i. 8, 9, 10). My strength will I ascribe unto Thee; for Thou art the God of my refuge (*Ps.* lix. 9). O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me (*Ps.* xxx. 2). Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word. It is good for me that I have been in trouble; that I may learn Thy statutes (*Ps.* cxix. 67, 71). The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; but He hath not given me over unto death (*Ps.* cxviii. 18). As for me, I will patiently abide alway, and will praise Thee more and more (*Ps.* lxxi. 12). My trust is in the

tender mercy of God for ever and ever. I will always give thanks unto Thee for that Thou hast done; and I will hope in Thy Name, for Thy saints like it well (*Ps.* lii. 9, 10). As long as I live will I magnify Thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in Thy Name (*Ps.* lxiii. 5).

O CHRIST, Son of God, Whom Thy Father delivered up for us all when He accepted Thee as a Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; have regard to the desires of Thy people; save those whom Thou hast redeemed; and grant that through Thee, Whom we believe to have been crucified for all, we may have remission of sins in this life, and everlasting joy in the life to come; Who livest . . .

LAMB of God, Who takest away the sin of the world, look upon us and have mercy, Thou Who art Thyself both Victim and Priest, Thyself both Reward and Redeemer; and keep safe from all evils those whom Thou hast redeemed, O Saviour of the world; Who livest . . .

O ALMIGHTY God, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast vouchsafed to deliver Thy servant from the pains and perils of *his* sickness. What Thou hast further for any of us to do or to suffer, Thou alone knowest; grant us patience and courage and all Christian resolution to serve Thee to the glory of Thy blessed Name. May we live to love, honor, and obey Thee in all things, and so faithfully to accomplish Thy holy will in this world that we may be partakers of everlasting life in the world to come; through . . .

WE thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast heard our prayers for Thine afflicted servant, and given *him* some respite and hope of recovery. Blessed be Thy goodness that *he* hath not made *his* bed in the dust but hath expectation still to continue amongst us. O Thou preserver of men Who hast begun to revive and quicken *him* again, make perfect we pray Thee *his* cure, and forsake not the work

of Thine own hands. Fill *him* with comfortable thoughts of Thy love, and of the tender compassionate care which our Lord Jesus takes of all His afflicted servants. Endue *him* still with patient submission to Thy will, and enable *him* both quietly to wait upon Thee till Thou hast finished *his* recovery, and also to continue steadfastly resolved to serve Thee more faithfully with *his* restored strength; through . . .

(Prayer in the "Visitation of the Sick," p. 25.)

In Convalescence.

O LORD, Who hast shown compassion upon Thy servant, and lifted *him* up from the gates of death; mercifully grant unto *him* Thy grace, that *he* may offer unto Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay Thee the vows which *he* promised with *his* lips and spake with *his* mouth when *he* was in trouble; through the merits of . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Life and Strength of all who put their trust in Thee; mercifully grant that as Thou hast been pleased to restore Thy servant to *his* bodily health, so Thou mayest endue *his* soul with all heavenly graces, and perseverance in good works; of Thy tender mercy, Who livest . . .

O LORD God, who hast in Thy great love prolonged the days of Thy servant in this world; grant *him* grace to employ the life which Thou hast now lengthened, in Thy service. Help *him* to perform all *his* resolutions of more steadfast obedience, and so to live that at last *he* may depart out of this world in peace; for the sake of . . .

INCREASE in us, O Lord, the fruit of good works, that *he* who is being restored to health by Thy power, may by Thy grace he enabled to attain that place of blessedness, where Thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end.

O MOST mighty and merciful God; fulfil, we beseech Thee, the work of healing which Thou hast so graciously begun, and grant that Thy servant may be restored whole to Thy Church to show forth Thy praise, and taking Thy easy yoke and light burden upon *him* may henceforth serve Thee in reverence and godly fear all the days of *his* life; through . . .

Benediction.

THE God of all grace, Who hath called thee unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, enlighten thy soul with the sevenfold gifts of His Holy Spirit, unto His honor and glory.

Before a Surgical Operation or in a Crisis in Sickness or in Accident or Sudden and Dangerous Illness.

LET them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator (1 *St. Peter* iv. 19). Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate, and in misery. The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; O bring Thou me out of my troubles. Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin (*Ps.* xxv. 15–17). Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me, for Thy mercy's sake (*Ps.* vi. 2, 4). Show Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in Thee. Keep me as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of Thy wings (*Ps.* xvii. 7, 8). Trust ye in the Lord

forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength (*Isa.* xxvi. 4). The eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting Arms (*Deut.* xxxiii. 27).

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who for our sakes wast made man, that Thou mightest Thyself take our infirmities and bear our sicknesses, and Who on earth didst feel for Thy suffering people and go about doing good and healing all kinds of sickness and disease amongst them; we pray Thee increase our faith in Thy goodness and love towards us for whom Thy precious Blood was shed; that we may believe in Thy sympathy with us in all our difficulties and trials here, and take them all to Thee, in humble trust that Thou wilt remove them if it seemeth good to Thee, or else strengthen us to bear them: for Thy tender mercies' sake; Who livest . . .

O THOU betrayed and forsaken, scourged and crucified Christ! O suffering and rejected Saviour! forgive our negligence of Thy love and our indifference towards Thee. Surely by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial Thou hast redeemed our souls from death and woe. Thy blood, O Lamb of God, cleanses from all sin. Let not Thy toil and anguish be for us in vain, but pity, spare, and save Thy servants for whom Thou gavest Thyself to die. Hear us for Thy mercies' sake; Thou Who now livest . . .

WE beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, by those wounds and bruises which Thou didst bear for us in Thy sacred body, to look graciously upon the suffering body of this Thy servant; bless the means employed for working out *his* cure, and grant that *he* may so patiently endure *his* sufferings in the flesh, that the wounding of *his* body may be for the salvation of *his* soul; through Thy mercy Who livest . . .

O JESUS, our Redeemer and Saviour, Who didst yield Thyself to the tormentors to suffer and be crucified, strengthen our *brother* to bear all that shall be laid upon *him*, and in whatever pains may *he* have power

to say with Thee, "not My will but Thine be done." Bless the skill of man to his relief, if so it seemeth good to Thee; but if not, if it should be in vain, may *he* still have grace to bless and praise Thee, and to submit *himself* to Thy good pleasure. Help *him* to go to this trial in Thy strength, commending *himself* unto Thee; for Thy mercies' sake, Who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and Who livest . . .

O MERCIFUL God, give this Thy servant patience towards all those who minister to *his* needs, and attend about *him*, that *he* may never weaken their hands nor distress their hearts by fretfulness at their counsel or causeless anger at their kind endeavors, but may with meekness and thankfulness receive their good offices; through . . .

O GOD, in Whose all-wise hands are life and death, and health and sickness; and by Whose blessing alone can any skill of man prevail; we beseech Thee have mercy upon Thy servant, and prosper the means that shall be taken for *his* recovery. Strengthen *him*, O Lord, to bear such trial as is appointed *him*, and enable *him* humbly and trustfully to commit *himself* into Thy hands to do with *him* as shall seem to Thee best. O Lord, support *him* in *his* need; make Thou all *his* bed in *his* sickness; and may this and all things work together for *his* eternal good; through . . .

O GRACIOUS God, by Whose word man lives, and not by any human means alone; direct, we pray Thee, the hand of him who is about to operate on the body of this Thy servant, and prosper his skill to a merciful and blessed issue. Let not, O Lord, Thy servant's confidence in man's aid, in any wise lessen *his* dependence on Thee. Send *him* ease and comfort in this time of *his* great distress: strengthen *him* with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, and lay not more upon *him* than Thou wilt enable *him* to bear. Let not the extremity of *his* pains transport *him* into any rash or un-

becoming expressions, or cause *him* to have hard thoughts of Thy providence, but, whatever be *his* sufferings, may *he* still love Thee, and trust Thee as a kind and merciful Father; through . . .

(Prayer in the "Visitation of the sick," p. 24).

Benediction.

THE grace of Almighty God protect thee, that, bruised in flesh, but quickened in spirit, thou mayest be blessed by Him with His heavenly Gift, unto eternal life.

After a Surgical Operation,

Or after Relief from Extreme Danger by Sickness or Accident.

PRAISED be God, Who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned His mercy from me (*Ps.* lxvi. 18). Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness: therefore shall every good man sing of Thy praise without ceasing. O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever (*Ps.* xxx. 5, 12, 13). Thou, O Lord, art my defender; Thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head. I did call upon the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord; and Thy blessing is upon Thy people (*Ps.* iii. 3, 4, 5, 8). I will be glad, and rejoice in Thy mercy; for Thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities (*Ps.* xxxi. 8). I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. And so shall my words please Him: my joy shall be in the Lord (*Ps.* civ. 33, 34). O what

great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst Thou turn and refresh me; yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again (*Ps.* lxxi. 18). O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness (*Ps.* xliii. 3, 4). The grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known Thy truth (*Isa.* xxxviii. 18, 19). The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation (*Exodus* xv. 2). Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end; and let all the people say, Amen (*Ps.* cvi. 46).

O LORD God of eternal mercies, Gracious and Righteous; give unto us hearts filled with love and praise to Thy holy Name, for that Thou hast heard our prayers, and hast delivered us from heaviness and anxious fears. O let out souls rest in Thee, and be satisfied in the pleasures of Thy mercy, that we may receive the cup of blessing and salvation and celebrate the Eucharist in honor of Thy Name and in remembrance of Thy infinite benefits towards us; through . . .

O GOD, Whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite; we give Thee hearty thanks for the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy servant; and we humbly beseech Thee, that as Thou hast granted that for which we prayed, so Thou wouldst continue Thy goodness towards us, and prepare us by Thy blessings in this life for the enjoyment of eternal happiness in the life to come; through . . .

O MERCIFUL God, Who liftest us up when we are cast down, and healest us when we are wounded; graciously hear our praise and thanksgiving

on behalf of Thy servant to whom Thou hast granted ease and relief; and vouchsafe that the chastisement of *his* body may avail towards the purifying of *his* soul; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, our only Hope; adored and glorified be Thy Name forever and ever. Blessed Saviour, abide with us: leave us not. Abide with us in all we think and say and do, in all we rejoice in, or hope for, or fear, or suffer. Be Thou our refreshment in weariness: our comfort in trouble; our refuge in temptation: in death our life; in the judgment our merciful Saviour and Lord. Abide with us, and make us to abide in Thee in all our pilgrimage here, that in Paradise we may rest in Thee, and may for evermore worship Thee before Thy throne in heaven; where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, One God, world without end.

Benediction.

THE merciful Lord, in Whose hand is all prosperity, grant thee ever the increase of blessing and peace.

In Great Pain.

I WILL look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me (*Micah* vii. 7). Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon. For my days are consumed away like smoke, and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand. My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. For the voice of my groaning, my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh. My days are gone like a shadow, and I am withered like grass (*Ps.* cii. 1–5, 11). I stretch forth my hands unto Thee; my soul gaspeth

unto Thee as a thirsty land. Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit (*Ps.* cxliii. 6, 7). I am weary of my groaning: every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears. The Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord will receive my prayer (*Ps.* vi. 6, 8, 9). Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. For there is mercy with Thee. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; in His word is my trust. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy (*Ps.* cxxx. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7). Haste Thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. Let all those that seek Thee be joyful and glad in Thee, and let all such as delight in Thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised. As for me, I am poor and in misery; haste Thee unto me, O God. Thou art my Helper and my Redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying (*Ps.* lxx. 1, 4, 5, 6). I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me. I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God. Hear me, O Lord, for Thy loving kindness is comfortable; turn Thee unto me according to the multitude of Thy mercies: and hide not Thy face from Thy servant; for I am in trouble: O haste Thee, and hear me. Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it; O deliver me (*Ps.* lxix. 2, 3, 17–19). Remember me, O Lord, according to the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people; O visit me with Thy salvation; that I may see the felicity of Thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of Thy people, and give thanks with Thine inheritance (*Ps.* cvi. 4, 5.) The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (*Rom.* viii. 18). Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are

not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life (*2 Cor.* iv. 17, 18. v. 1, 2, 4).

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God; vouchsafe to give us faith, hope, and charity, humility and purity of body and soul, patience, true obedience, and amendment of life. Grant us, O merciful and gracious Lord, full pardon and remission for all our sins and offences committed by day or night, that through Thy grace we may attain the glory of Thy Kingdon, O Saviour of the world; where, with the Father . . .

O LORD, we pray Thee that the thought of the blessed country towards which we are travelling may make us forgetful of the weariness of the journey; and if Thou addest a weight of trials, give us also strength that we may not faint under the burden. Thou O Lord hast gone before us bearing Thy Cross, make us to bear ours after Thee, ever looking unto Thee, and putting our trust in Thee alone; for Thy mercy's sake, Who, with . . .

ALMIGHTY Father, Who didst give Thine Only Son to suffer and die for us; grant us grace to follow in His steps with patience, that being made like Him in suffering, we may with Him enter into glory; for the merits of the same, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O MOST merciful Saviour, Who didst suffer bitter pains for us; have compassion on Thy servant in *his* great sufferings, and help *him* to fix *his* thoughts upon Thy Cross and Passion; that *he* may gain strength from Thy endurance, and patience from Thy meekness;

that, having suffered with Thee here, *he* may enter hereafter into Thy glory; grant this, O Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst willingly yield Thyself up to shame and torture and death for us miserable sinners; grant unto Thy servant so readily to drink this bitter cup of sorrow which Thou puttest to *his* lips, that *he* may at length attain unto the full sweetness of Thy heavenly blessings; Who livest . . .

O BLESSED God, infinite in pity and love; withhold not, we pray Thee, Thy help from Thy servant in the extremity of *his* pain. *His* sorrows are increased, and *his* soul is full of trouble: *he* has none to flee unto for the ease and mitigation of *his* agonies, but to Thee, O Lord. *He* freely owns that *his* sufferings are infinitely less than *he* has deserved; yet since they pierce deep, and are almost too heavy to bear, we entreat Thee, to spare *him*, and relieve *him*. In mercy hold *him* up that *he* may endure submissively, and speedily bring *him* rest in body and in soul; through . . .

LORD Jesus Christ, our sympathizing Saviour, Who for man didst bear the Agony and the Cross; draw near to Thy suffering servants, in their pain of body or trouble of mind; hallow all their crosses in this life, and crown them hereafter where all tears are wiped away; where, with the Father, . . .

O GRACIOUS Father, Whose dear Son bore for us unspeakable agonies, being scourged, and crowned with thorns, and nailed to the Cross; have mercy on Thy servant who is now in great suffering, and grant *him* grace to fix *his* eyes upon the Cross, and therein to find strength, truly following Him, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross;" that knowing the fellowship of the sufferings of Thy dearly-beloved Son, our Lord, *he* may rest in Him, and at length enter into His joy; for His merits, Who, with Thee . . .

O MERCIFUL God, we beseech Thee look in pity upon Thy servant; strengthen *him* to bear whatever Thou mayest see fit to lay upon *him;* comfort *him* with Thy Holy Spirit; lift *his* thoughts and desires heavenwards; relieve *his* pains we beseech Thee, and grant *him* a speedy issue out of *his* suffering condition; for the sake of . . .

O God, Who art merciful, and Who dost not willingly afflict the children of men, but chastenest us for our profit that we may be partakers of Thy holiness; support Thy servant, we pray Thee, in this time of *his* great distress, and sanctify to *him* the pain he bears, that *his* present affliction may work out for *him* a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Make *him* fully to believe that Thou doest nothing but what is best. Visit *him* in mercy and love, and show *him* the joy of Thy salvation; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who for the salvation of the world wast willing to bear patiently sorrows and agony and death; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, mindful of all that Thou hast borne for us, may bear our light afflictions for Thy sake; so that, sharing in Thy pain and sorrow, Thou mayest make us partakers of Thy rest and glory; Who, with . . .

Benediction.

THE Son of God, Who hath suffered thee to be cast into the furnace of affliction, Himself walk with thee in the fire, and deliver thee out of trouble.

Unlikely to Recover.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there

ye may be also (*St. John* xiv. 1–3). God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away (*Rev.* xxi. 4). One of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (*Rev.* vii. 13, 14). Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth. My time is in Thy hand. Show Thy servant the light of Thy countenance, and save me for Thy mercy's sake. O how plentiful is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, and that Thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in Thee (*Ps.* xxxi. 6, 17, 18, 21). This God is our God for ever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death (*Ps.* xlviii. 13). Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (*Isa.* xl. 28–31).

O ALMIGHTY God, gracious and merciful, Whose compassions fail not, and Who hast promised, "as thy day so shall thy strength be," look down, we beseech Thee, upon the low and distressed state of Thy servant now lying in the extremity of sickness. Be merciful unto *him* according to the necessity of *his* case, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies in Jesus Christ. With Thee nothing is im-

possible. In submission to Thy most wise and good disposal of all things, we beg this mercy at Thy hands, that Thou wilt restore *him* to health. Hear our prayer, we entreat Thee, Thou Who liftest us up from the gates of death, that we may show forth Thy praises in the courts of Thy holy temple; through . . .

O LORD, our God, and our blessed Saviour, Who by Thy bitter death and passion hast sweetened the cup of death for us, taking away its bitterness and sting, and making it the entrance into life and glory, we beg of Thee health for this Thy servant, if it be Thy will that the days of *his* pilgrimage shall be prolonged, and grace that we may be able to say, "Thy will be done." Walking in the valley of the shadow of death may *he* fear no evil. Help *him* to be in peace and to have rest, and make *him* to dwell in everlasting safety, and to partake of the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom; Who livest . . .

O LORD, Who art the rest of the weary and heavy laden; mercifully grant Thy loving help and refreshment to Thy suffering servant, that renewed by Thy power *he* may rejoice in Thy salvation; Who livest . . .

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications, and accept the prayers which we make in behalf of Thy servant, who asketh of Thee health and salvation of soul. Grant *him*, we beseech Thee, pardon of all *his* sins, and bestow upon *him* all needful graces, that *he* may safely attain unto Thy kingdom and glory; through . . .

(Prayer in the "Visitation of the sick," p. 22.)

Benediction.

CHRIST the Lord fulfil thy desires and prayers, and grant abundant salvation to thy soul.

Submission.

IT is the Lord; let Him do what seemeth Him good (1 *Samuel* iii. 18). O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done (*St. Matt.* xxvi. 39, 42). Thy hands have made me and fashioned me, O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments. I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled. O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort, according to Thy word unto Thy servant. Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them. Order my steps in Thy word, and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth. Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me; yet is my delight in Thy commandments. The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live (*Ps.* cxix. 73, 75, 76, 129, 133, 142–144). Show me Thy ways, O Lord, and teach me Thy paths. Lead me forth in Thy truth, and learn me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; in Thee hath been my hope all the day long (*Ps.* xxv. 3, 4). Beloved, think it not strange, concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy (1 *St. Peter* iv. 12, 13). As thy days, so shall thy strength be (*Deut.* xxxiii. 25).

O LORD our God, Who chastenest those whom Thou dost love, and scourgest every one whom Thou receivest to the inheritance of sons; write our souls, we pray Thee, in Thy book of life, and number us amongst Thy children: yet lay not upon us more

than Thou wilt enable us to bear; visit us with Thy Fatherly tenderness. Grant to us patience, humility, and true repentance, with meek resignation to Thy good pleasure and wise providence. This Thy servant, O Lord, we beseech Thee to restore in due time to health, and and to Thy solemn assemblies again, and to the joy of Thy countenance. Above all, grant to us strength and a right obedience to do Thy will in all things; and in health or sickness, in life or death, make us to rest trustfully in Thee; through . . .

O BLESSED Jesus, Who didst bear Thy cross for us; give Thy feeble children strength to take up their cross and follow Thee. If it be heavy, make us to bear it meekly that so we may be more like unto Thee. Because we are weak, let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Oh may we so suffer with Thee here below, that we may sleep in Thee when we die, and at the last day rise again in great joy and glory, to reign with Thee through endless ages; Who livest . . .

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Comfort of the sorrowful, Strength of the weary, our only Help in time of need; draw Thou near to all Thy suffering servants in their sickness of body or trouble of mind. Be Thou their comfort, their strength, their help. Give them the grace of true contrition, patience, resignation, and the enlightenment of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant them merciful relief, and restore them to health if it be according to Thy infinite wisdom; and bestow such grace that their affliction may work their spiritual advancement and eternal blessedness; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who art ascended into heaven, there to intercede for us Thy servants, to bring the kingdoms of the earth beneath the sceptre of Thy righteousness, and to draw up Thine elect in blessed union with Thee their Head, Who art gone before; grant us firm faith in Thine Almighty power,

Christ our God. Strengthen our hope in Thee, Who art forever offering Thyself in Thy risen and glorified Body in the most Holy Place, O Christ our Advocate. Quicken our love for Thee, O Jesus, King most wonderful, Who didst lead captivity captive, and give gifts unto men, especially the most unspeakable gift of Thy Holy Spirit, uniting us to Thee in bonds of heavenly love. Hear us, O thou Who hast triumphed gloriously, Bridegroom of Thy holy Church, and only Mediator between God and men; and grant that we may so follow Thee now in patient toil and suffering, that when Thou comest again to judge the world, we may be counted worthy to sit with Thee in heavenly places; through Thy merits, O Lord, and only Saviour, Who, with . . .

ALMIGHTY Father, Who didst give Thine Only-Begotten Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for us; grant us grace to follow in His steps with patience, that being made like Him in suffering, we may enter into His glory and joy: for the merits of the same, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O LORD Jesus Ghrist, Who didst cheerfully resign Thyself unto Thy Father's will, saying, "not My will but Thine be done;" look with mercy upon Thy servant, and help *him* to bear submissively whatsoever may be laid upon *him*; strengthen *him* according to *his* need; increase *his* faith, enlarge *his* hope; that in all *his* troubles *he* may ever look up to Thee, and trust *himself* in patient resignation to Thy love and mercy, to do with *him* as Thow knowest to be best; Who, with . . .

O God, our Refuge in pains, our Strength in weakness, our Help in tribulations, our Solace in tears, spare Thy people: give comfort to the sad, aid to the troubled, endurance to the weary, support to those who suffer; that all may rejoice to find Thy mercy present with them in their afflictions; through . . .

O ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father; we beseech Thy gracious goodness that as Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, knowingly and willingly went forth to meet His bitter passion and death, so when Thou layest the cross of grievous pain and sorrow upon us we may in like manner bear it patiently and with willing minds, as the trial of our faith against the latter day and to Thine everlasting glory. Hear us, O merciful Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

Benediction.

CHRIST the Lord, Whose wounds and passion thou dost acknowledge with thankful devotion, deliver thee from thy sufferings.

In the Hour of Death.

HE asked life of Thee; and thou gavest him a long life, even for ever and ever. Thou shalt give him everlasting felicity, and make him glad with the joy of Thy countenance (*Ps.* xxi. 4, 6). Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel (*St. Luke* ii. 29–32). The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me (*Ps.* xxiii. 1, 4). I am alway by Thee; for Thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever (*Ps.* lxxiii. 22–25). I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me

a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing (2 *Tim.* iv. 6–8). I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety (*Ps.* iv. 9). None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living (*Rom.* xiv. 7–9).

O LOVING Saviour, Who didst die that we might be delivered from the fear of death; grant to Thy servant strength and confidence in Thee; assuage *his* pain: preserve *him* in the unity of the Church, keep *his* understanding right, bestow upon *him* the grace of contrition and repentance, with true faith, a well-grounded hope, and abundant charity; give to this failing body a blessed and a glorious resurrection, and to this afflicted and redeemed soul a portion at Thy right hand amongst the blessed children of Thy Father, in the kingdom prepared for them from the beginning of the world; for thy mercy's sake, Who, with . . .

O MOST merciful God, Who art the Father of the the fatherless, and defendest the cause of the widow; look down with mercy upon this family; lighten the anxiety of Thy servant; help *him* to trust in Thy loving care; that when Thou shalt call *him* hence, *he* may leave these dear ones whom Thou hast given *him*, with the full assurance that they will still be under Thy Almighty protection, and that Thy Fatherly hand will ever be over them to support and bless them; through . . .

O MERCIFUL Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst redeem us with Thy precious blood; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant in this hour of *his* departure, and graciously bring *him* to the joyful dwellings of

Paradise, that *he* may there love Thee with that unspeakable love which can never be separated from Thee and Thine elect; Who livest . . .

LORD, receive the soul of this Thy servant. Spare *him* whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood. Deliver *him* from all evil, for whose sake Thou didst suffer all evil. From the crafts and assaults of the devil, from the fear of death, and from death eternal, good Lord, deliver *him*. Count not against *him* the errors of *his* youth, nor the sins and shortcomings of *his* after years, but grant *him* full pardon of all that is past. Strengthen *him* in this hour of need. Let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* love grow cold. Let the enemy have no advantage over *him*: but let *him* die in peace, and rest in hope, and rise in glory; through . . .

(The "Commendatory prayer" in the "Visitation of the Sick." p. 23)

GOD the Father bless thee, Who created all things in the beginning; the Son of God heal thee; the Holy Ghost enlighten thee, guard thy body, save thy soul, direct thy thoughts, and bring thee safe to the heavenly country; Who liveth and reigneth, God in a perfect Trinity, throughout all ages.

GOD the Father preserve and keep thee. God the Son assist and strengthen thee. God the Holy Ghost defend and aid thee. God the Holy Trinity be ever with Thee, that thv death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with Whom thou shalt live forever.

GOD, Who reneweth us unto everlasting life through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, clothe thee at His coming again with the joy of His eternal Kingdom.

For the Blind, or for Spiritual Light and Guidance.

THERE is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted (*Ps.* xcvii. 11). O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. As for me, I will behold Thy presence in righteousness; and when I awake up after Thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it (*Ps.* xvii. 5, 16). Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face (*Ps.* v. 8). I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with Mine eye (*Ps.* xxxii. 9). I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them (*Isa.* xlii. 16). Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off (*Isa.* xxxiii. 17). The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. O hide not Thou Thy face from me, nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succor: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way. I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living

(*Ps.* xxvii. 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 15). The Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light (*Ps.* xviii. 28). Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (*St. Matt.* v. 8). Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure (1 *St. John* iii. 1–3). Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, and upon them that put their trust in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; for He is our help and our shield (*Ps.* xxxiii. 17–19). How excellent is Thy mercy, O God! and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of Thy house; and Thou shalt give them drink of Thy pleasures, as out of the river. For with Thee is the well of life; and in Thy light shall we see light. O continue forth Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee, and Thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart (*Ps.* xxxvi. 7–10). Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my paths. I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, to keep Thy righteous judgments. My soul is alway in my hand; yet do I not forget Thy law. The ungodly have laid a snare for me; but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe; yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes (*Ps.* cxix. 105, 106, 109, 110, 117). Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, and whose hope is in the Lord his God: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; Who keepeth His promise for ever; Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; Who feedeth the hungry. The Lord looseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth

for the righteous (*Ps.* cxlvi. 4–8). When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold His righteousness (*Micah* vii. 8, 9). The Day-Spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace (*St. Luke* i. 78, 79). In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. That was the true Light, Which lighteth every man that cometh into the world (*St. John* i. 4, 9). I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness (*St. John* xii. 46). For God, Who commandeth the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 *Cor.* iv. 6).

O GOD of hope, the true Light of faithful souls, and perfect Brightness of the blessed, Who art verily the Light of Thy Church; grant that our hearts may both offer unto Thee acceptable prayers, and also glorify Thee with praise and thanksgiving; through . . .

GRANT, O Heavenly Father, that as in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we see the likeness of Thy Godhead in its holiness and love, so through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts we may be made like Him; and as we see Thee now by faith, we may know Thee face to face in the glory that shall be revealed; and to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be all worship now and evermore.

O HEAVENLY Father, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, help us so to live in the contemplation of Thee, that the sight of Thy Paradise may be to us as the sight of home. And grant that we may so walk in Thy light here, that we may walk hereafter in the light of Thy holy city, among the nations of them that are saved; through . . .

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast promised to the pure in heart that they shall see Thee, grant unto us that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may look forward in faith to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; and, being purified by Thy Holy Spirit, may be fitted to behold Thee as Thou art; through . . .

SHINE into our hearts, O loving Master, by the pure light of the knowledge of Thyself; and open the eyes of our mind to Thy Gospel, and put within us the fear of Thy blessed commandments. Guard our life from all reproach by the seal of Thy Holy Spirit. Guide our steps into the way of peace. May we live in the Spirit and do all things according to Thy good pleasure. For Thou art our sanctification and our illumination; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we render glory now and forever.

O GOD, Who dividedst the day from the night; separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that ever meditating on things holy, we may continually live in Thy light; Through . . .

O FATHER of mercies, Who hast foreordained Thine elect to be conformed to the image of Thy Son; so conform us, we beseech Thee, unto Him in holiness, that when He shall appear, we may be made like unto Him in glory; through the same . . .

O GOD, Who hast been pleased that Thy servant should be sightless, that *he* may from within look on Thee alone with the enlightened eyes of the heart; be Thou the light of our eyes, that we may be rid of the darkness of this world, and reach the land of everlasting brightness, where all imperfections shall be done away; through . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst open the eyes of the blind who prayed untoThee; mercifully grant that we, trusting in Thy love, may so pass through the darkness of this present world, as at length to behold Thy Face in glory; Who livest . . .

O JESUS, Light of the world, and Sun of righteousness; look down in mercy upon this Thy servant. Thou camest to give sight to the blind: give sight unto *him* in body and in soul. Enlighten our minds to see clearly the things which belong unto our everlasting peace. Keep us from the darkness of sin and ignorance. May the light of the glorious Gospel ever shine upon us. May we walk as children of the light: and when the night of this world is ended, may we have our part in the resurrection of the just, and seeing Thee face to face enter into the everlasting day. Hear us, O Saviour; Who livest . . .

Benediction.

CHRIST, the Salvation of God, mercifully accept thy service, and shine upon thy heart with His wonderful glory.

For a Sick Child.

GRACE be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God (2 *Cor.* i. 2-4). Behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought Him that He would come into his house: for he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a-dying. But as He went the people thronged Him. There cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, He answered him saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when He came into the house, He suf-

fered no man to go in, save Peter and James and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but He said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And He put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway (*St. Luke* viii. 41, 42, 49–55). Then came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father Which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father, Which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish (*St. Matt.* xviii. 1–4, 10–14). I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me (*Prov.* viii. 17). Call upon Me in the time of trouble; so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise Me (*Ps.* l. 15).

O BLESSED Saviour, Good Shepherd of Thy redeemed, Who lovest and carest tenderly for the lambs of Thy flock; have mercy upon Thy child, and bear *him* in safety through this time of sickness and danger. Teach *him* to be meek and gentle and loving and obedient like Thyself. And, if Thou art pleased to bring *him* back to health and strength, make *him* to

remember Thy goodness evermore, and so to live all *his* days that *he* may live with Thee, Who hast died to save *him*, in the endless bl ss and glory of heaven. Hear us, merciful Jesus, Who livest . . .

LORD, have pity upon the weakness of this child, and upon these parents who suffer in its suffering. Give relief from its pains, and strengthen it struggling for life. Grant that it may live, and increase as in stature so in wisdom. Help us praying for its recovery to health to say, "Thy will be done." Preserve it to be Thy true and faithful servant here on earth, or take it to the blessedness of Thy children in the world to come; through . . .

O GOD most merciful and gracious, Who hast taught us in Thy holy word to cast all our care upon Thee; relieve, we pray Thee, the anxiety of Thy servants; and, that they may trust themselves and their dear child wholly unto Thee, teach them ever more and more to know the greatness of Thy love and sympathy; which Thou hast revealed to us in Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst heal all manner of sickness and disease amongst Thy people; give Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to the means now used for the healing of this Thy child; that *he* may be restored to health, and spared to worship Thee in the courts of Thy House on earth; Who, with . . .

[Visitation office, p. 22].

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

For the Aged.

THE hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness (*Prov.* xvi. 31). If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward Him; if iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot, yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear: because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away: and thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also, thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid (*Job* xi. 13–19). Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience: the aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness; not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things (*Titus* ii. 1–3). Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you (*Isa.* xlvi. 4). Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season (*Job* v. 26). Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore (*Ps.* cv. 4). Through Thee have I been holden up ever since I was born. Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me (*Ps.* lxxi. 5, 8). All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come (*Job* xiv. 14).

O LORD God, our House of defence and our Castle, Who by Thy mercies and Thy loving Spirit hast taught us, and led us in Thy ways from our first years until now, and hast brought us to great honor, even the honor of adoption to be Thy children and heirs

of Thy glorious promises, and hast comforted us with continual mercies; give us Thy grace, that we may love Thee, and long for Thee above all the things of this world. And as Thou hast holden us up ever since we were born, so let Thy mercy go with us to the end of our days; cast us not away in the time of age, nor suffer us to cast away Thy laws or to depart from Thee: so that after we have by Thy aid passed safely through all the dangers and trials of our pilgrimage, we may fall asleep in Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, and when Thou bringest us from the deep of the earth again, we may have a joyful resurrection to the society of saints and angels, worshipping Thee, Trinity Ever-Blessed, for evermore; through . . .

O God, Who hast willed that we to whom it is appointed once to die shall know not when the hour of our departure shall be; grant to us that we may walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, and be found ready for our summons hence; through . . .

O MOST merciful Father, we pray Thee on behalf of Thy servant whom Thou hast spared to live beyond the usually allotted years of man; look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve *him;* give *him* the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit; and grant *him* so perfectly to trust in Thee, that *he* may enjoy that peace which Thou alone canst give, and at the last may fall asleep in Jesus; and with all Thy saints await with joyful hope the day of judgment; through the merits of . . .

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst grant unto Thine aged servants, Simeon and Anna, to see with their bodily eyes the Infant Saviour; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of purity and faith. that we may be ever waiting for and longing after the enjoyment of Thy presence; that our treasure may be laid up in heaven, and our affections set on things above; and that when Thou shalt call us hence, we may be ready to depart in hope, and may rest in peace; through . . .

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Saviour, Who hast taught us to watch and pray always, because we know not the day of Thy coming; grant unto Thy servant that *he* may be found watching when Thou shalt call *him* from this world; that in the last great day, *he* may receive Thy blessing, and enter into Thy joy; Who, with . . .

O ALMIGHTY Lord, Whose years endure throughout all generations; look mercifully upon this Thy servant who is passing down to the grave and whose strength is but labor and sorrow, and grant that *his* peace may be made with Thee before *he* goes to *his* long home. Forgive *him* all in which *he* has transgressed against Thee: and accept *his* prayers and services, imperfect though they be by reason of *his* infirmities: and may *he* be kept by Thy grace in constant readiness for Thy coming, at whatsoever hour it shall please thee to call *him*; through . . .

O GOD, the true Life of all things, Who hast revealed Thy Son as the Resurrection and the Life; enable us so to die to sin and live to Thee, that we may also die to fear, and live in hope of our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, in Thy eternal kingdom; for the sake of . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Strength of them that put their trust in Thee: vouchsafe unto Thy servant increase of spiritual might as *his* bodily vigor faileth; and grant that as *his* eyes become dim and *his* ears dull to earthly things, *his* affections may be the more set on things above; through Thy mercy, Who . . .

O GOD Who hast taught us that we have here no continuing city, but that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth; mercifully grant unto Thy servant, who hath long and wearily travelled in the wilderness of this world, gladly to hear Thy voice when Thou callest *him*, and grace to attain unto *his* true home; through. . .

Benediction.

CHRIST, the Son of God, our great High-Priest, Who is passed into the heavens, pour down upon thee from thence His everlasting benediction.

In Sickness Long-Continued.

THE book of Job, in course, with brief explanations. *Psalms* vi. 1–9; xvi; xxiii; xxv; xxxi; xxxii; xxxix; xlii; li; lxi; lxiii. 1–9; lxxvii; lxxxiv; lxxxvi. 1–12; xc; xci; cxxi; cxxx; cxxxviii; cxxxix; cxliii. 1–11. *Isaiah* liii. *St. Matthew* v; vi; vii; xxv. *St. John* iii; v; vi; xiv; xv; xvi; xvii. *Romans* viii. 1 *Cor.* xiii. 2 *Cor.* iv; v. *Eph.* ii; iii; iv. *Rev.* ii; iii; xxi; xxii. The Passion and Death of our Blessed Lord: *St. Matthew* xxvi; xxvii. *St. Mark* xiv; xv. *St. Luke* xxii; xxiii. *St. John* xiii; xviii; xix.

O ALMIGHTY Father, our only Good, without Whom our life is but one continued evil, our Salvation and our Health, without Whom our life is but a never-ending disease, Who scourgest our sins with afflictions and thereby workest in us true repentance; teach us, we pray Thee, to glory in tribulations and to find in them Thy loving kindness. Grant that we may see the wisdom of Thy overruling Providence, and trust Thy mercy and gentleness, confiding in Thy Fatherly love even when thou dost most heavily chasten us, and adoring Thy grace which converteth every trial into a means of eternal and heavenly glory. Look in mercy, we beseech thee, upon us, and cast us not away in Thy displeasure, but forgive our sins which are many. For His sake Who did nothing amiss, be reconciled unto us who do nothing well. Wash away our guilt in His most precious blood, and subdue the power of evil in us by His mighty grace. And if yet in Thy wisdom Thou see fit to prolong Thy corrections, Thy blessed will be done. If Thou try us like as silver is tried, casting us into the fire of suffering, take us out at length from thence purified and meet for Thy service here and Thy Kingdom hereafter. How bitter soever our trial be, let it prove medicinal, curing all the diseases of our

souls, and bringing forth in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness, to Thy honor and glory, and to our everlasting salvation; through . . .

LOOK down, O gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, with an eye of compassion on this Thy poor distressed servant, who hath lain so long under Thy heavy hand; and by how much the outward man is weakened and brought low, by so much the more do Thou be pleased to help *him* in the inner man, by the comforts and sanctifying power of Thy Holy Spirit; through . . .

O GOD, Ever-living, Who art about our path and about our bed, and knowest all our ways; cause Thy servant to remember Thee and to meditate upon Thee in the night-watches; make *him* to commune with *his* own heart, that examining *himself* as in Thy sight, and devoting *himself* unto Thee in true repentance and a trustful spirit, he may be wholly Thine; through . . .

O ALMIGHTY God, with Whom nothing is impossible: grant unto this Thy servant a longer continuance amongst us, and speedily deliver *him* from this sorrowful estate under which *he* hath so long groaned. Let Thy blessing be upon *him*, we beseech Thee, that *he* may be again brought to rejoice before Thee in the assemblies of Thy saints upon the earth; or, if in Thy wise counsels Thou hast otherwise appointed, that *he* may rest in Thy Paradise, and at last be exalted to praise Thee in the great assembly of Saints and angels in heaven; through . . .

GRANT, O Lord, that *he* may so meekly and cheerfully resign *his* will unto Thee to suffer what Thou inflictest. that *he* may be the more disposed to do readily whatsoever Thou commandest; for the merits of Thy Blessed Son, our Saviour.

O MERCIFUL God, by Whose Fatherly love we are helped in our infirmities; take us under the shadow of Thy wings, guard us against our spiritual enemies, and deliver us from all evil. If Thou makest

Thy people sorrowful awhile, make them joyful again with the comfortable assurance of Thy favor, and refresh them with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit. Send angels of strength and peace from Thy right hand, lest the length and burden of the way should be for us too great. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Give times of rest to our bodies, and abiding peace to our souls; through Him Who died for our reconciliation unto Thee, and left us the promise of rest and peace everlasting, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O MERCIFUL God, Thou hast long kept Thy servant under Thy chastening hand, Thou hast made *him* acquainted with grief, and *his* sickness is even become *his* familiar companion; yet, grant, Blessed Lord, that *he* may not be impatient under Thy chastisement, but may constantly believe that Thou hast a kind purpose even in Thy bitterest dispensations. Teach *him* to see love in Thy rod, and justice in all Thy dealings: let not *his* faith fail nor *his* patience be overcome, and mercifully give unto *him* relief from *his* weariness and pain, and a happy end of this long visitation. Help *him* to improve this trial to *his* spiritual benefit, that whatever appertains to *his* everlasting salvation may be promoted and perfected through the riches of Thy grace, and the multitude of Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOST compassionate Lord and Saviour; let Thy infinite mercies be upon this Thy servant. May it be Thy will that *he* may live and not die from this sickness, and that he may be speedily delivered out of it. Bless all the means used for *his* recovery: release *him* from *his* pain: increase and strengthen *his* patience. Grant to *him* repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Thee, a comfortable assurance in Thy precious promises, a strong sense of Thy love and care towards *him*, and a lively hope of immortal bliss, that *he* may heartily love Thee, ever confide in Thee,

and absolutely resign *himself* both in body and soul unto Thy wisdom; Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest . . .

Benediction.

MAY the Father bless thee Who in the beginning created all things; may the Son of God heal thee; may the Holy Ghost enlighten thee, guard thy body, save thy soul, direct thy thoughts, and bring thee safe to the heavenly country: Who liveth and reigneth, God in a perfect Trinity, throughout all ages.

Prayers for Various Needs in Sickness, Peril, and Infirmity.

In Sleeplessness.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst suffer agony and wakefulness on the night before Thy Passion; we beseech Thee of Thine infinite mercies look upon Thy servant, grant *him* repose for *his* body and peace for *his* soul, and bring *him* finally into that place where the weary are at rest for evermore; Who livest . . .

CONSIDER, O Merciful God, the weakness of Thy servant which calls aloud to Thee for rest; may *he* remember Thee upon *his* bed, and find the thought of Thy tender-mercies to be *his* comfort: and let Thy goodness give sleep to *his* eyes and refreshment to *his* weariness; through . . .

SHED forth the light of Thy countenance, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon all those who cannot find rest in the night season. Calm them by the gracious influence of Thy Holy Spirit, and surround them with the ministrations of Thy holy angels. Keep their minds from all foreboding thoughts and temptations of

evil, and suggest to them such truths as shall be most fitted for their necessity. Keep their bodies from restlessness, and grant that they may learn in patient waiting for the day of Thy revelation to rejoice with Thy saints while the night of earthly life remains, that they may exult in Thy glory when all who have persevered shall enter into Thy rest, to dwell in Thy light for ever; through . . .

For threatened Blindness.

O FATHER of mercies, Who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; we acknowledge that it is in wisdom and mercy that Thou hast been pleased to lay Thy chastening hand upon this Thy servant. Grant *him* grace, we meekly beseech Thee, to bow with humble and thankful resignation to Thy holy will. Let *him* never rebel against Thy decree. Remove if it be possible this trial from *him*, yet not our will but Thine be done. Strengthen *him* to bear *his* cross; let Thy grace be sufficient for *him*, and Thy strength be made perfect in *his* weakness. And if *he* may not be blessed with restored sight here in this world, grant to *him* that at the last, beholding "the land that is very far off," *his* eyes may "see the King in His beauty;" for the sake of Him Who came to be the Light of the world, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O MOST merciful Father, Who hast been pleased to visit Thy servant with this affliction which threatens to deprive *him* of Thy gift of sight; look in mercy upon *him*, we beseech Thee, and give *him* the comfort of Thy presence to cheer *him* in *his* distress. Help *him* to bear with patience whatever Thou shalt see fit to lay upon *him;* and if it be Thy will to take from *him* the light of *his* bodily eyes, yet let Thy Holy Spirit shed His bright rays of heavenly light upon *his* soul, and teach *him* so to know Thee now by faith, that after this life *he* may with all Thy saints enjoy the vision of Thy glorious Godhead; for the sake of . . .

After attempted Suicide.

ALMIGHTY and gracious Lord; let not a sense of the greatness of the sin to which this Thy servant hath been tempted cause *him* to believe that *he* is past all hope of pardon by Thy mercy, or of being made better by Thy grace; but may *he* fully know that as Thou art most justly angered by our sins, so Thou art most easy to be reconciled by a true repentance. Let *him* remember the word of Thy Well-Beloved Son, "There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Continue to *him* Thy favor and protection in prolonging *his* life, and help *him* so faithfully to serve Thee in this world that *he* may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through . . .

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who sparest when we deserve punishment and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy; hear the prayer of Thy servant who turns to Thee in bitter self-condemnation, acknowledging the guilt of *his* offence and humbly imploring pardon. Lead *him*, O Lord, to a right sense of *his* state before Thee. Help *him* truly to repent, that *he* may gain not only forgiveness of *his* past transgressions but also grace to devote the life which Thou hast spared to Thee and to Thy service; that *he* may not be cast out of Thy sight as an unprofitable servant but may at last be admitted to Thy heavenly Kingdom; for the sake of . . .

(Prayers on pp. 89, 90, 97.)

For one Lame in his Sickness.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who art "eyes to the blind and feet to the lame;" have pity, we entreat Thee, on Thy servant: help *him* in *his* distress, and bless the means made use of for *his* cure. May *he* be enabled to realize t t Thou hast lifted up Thy hand upon *him* for this very purpose that *he* may learn to walk humbly with Thee, and turn *his* feet to Thy testimonies. Give

him patience that *he* may bear *his* pains without murmuring. Satisfy *him* of Thy care over *him* and tender regard towards *him;* and in Thy good time restore *him* to health that *he* may worship Thee in Thy house with the voice of praise and thanksgiving. But whatever Thy wisdom may appoint for *him,* help us to say, "Thy will be done;" so keeping us in Thy paths that our footsteps slip not and that we come finally to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling; through . . .

For one Insensible.

O LORD, God Almighty; hear us, we beseech Thee, in behalf of this Thy servant, and restore to *him* the blessing of consciousness, if it be Thy will; but if, in Thy wisdom, *he* shall go hence, in this condition of insensibility, pardon, merciful God, *his* offences, and accept *his* repentance and preparation made before the coming of this grievous affliction. Receive *him,* we entreat Thee, into the arms of Thy mercy; that so this short night may quickly be turned into everlasting day, and after these dark shadows are passed *he* may attain to the land where in Thy light *he* may see light; through . . .

O GOD, Who art graciously pleased to accept a ready mind, and to reward us according to that we have, not according to that we have not; be merciful unto this Thy servant, who by reason of weakness cannot now pray unto Thee, nor fix *his* mind upon Thee, and as Thou knowest *his* needs and *his* desires so do Thou in Thy bounty fulfil them; for the sake of . . .

O LORD, we beseech Thee, have mercy upon Thy servant, who is like unto them that lie in the grave. Open *his* eyes to behold Thy wonders, and *his* ears to hear Thy word; loose *his* tongue that *he* may make *his* prayer unto Thee; raise *him* up that *he* may serve Thee; and of Thy great goodness restore *him* whole to Thy Church; through . . .

O MERCIFUL God; let not this deep sleep which is fallen upon Thy servant continue on into the sleep of death, but be the repose of one recovering; and awaken *him* out of it in due time to give Thee thanks, and to lead the rest of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. But, if it be Thy will to take *him* to Thyself, accept we beseech Thee *his* past repentance and earnest desires, *his* faith and obedience. Hear, we beseech Thee, our prayers for *him;* look not upon *his* sins but to pardon them; nor on *his* weaknesses but to pity them; and bring *him* with us to the blessed enjoyment of Thy love; through . . .

For the Insane.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose wisdom is infinite, Whose goodness hath no bounds, and Whose mercy is everlasting; let Thy compassion be magnified upon those who need it but cannot ask it; who are in misery which they know not, who do actions without choice, or choose without discretion and sober understanding. Pity the evil which they suffer, and pardon the evils which they commit, imputing not unto them that which they rather endure than perform; and let not their entrance into this calamity be an exclusion from their future pardon, but may this misery which they bear be united to the sufferings of Him Who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, and be sanctified by his intercession, and be an instrument of their peace. Restore them, we beseech Thee, to health and reason; suffer them not to do violence to any, and let no violence be done to them. Keep them safe under the protection of Thy good providence, and innocent under the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit; that when Thou shalt return and speak peace to Thy people they too may rejoice in Thy mercies and salvation. Grant this, Almighty God and Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour.

O LORD God, Who art the Fountain of wisdom; mercifully restore the understanding of Thy servant that *he* may glorify Thy holy Name. Lay not

to *his* charge whatever of evil *he* may do or say in the time of *his* affliction, but of Thy great goodness visit *him* and heal *him*, that *he* may sit in *his* right mind at Thy feet; through . . .

O THOU Sovereign Healer of all spiritual and bodily diseases; direct us in our great ignorance of the nature of all mental maladies to the means most proper for help in this calamity; and so bless and prosper them to a favourable issue that, being recovered from *his* sad estate, Thy servant may evermore for Thy great mercy praise Thy holy Name; through . . .

O MOST merciful Lord, Who didst hearken to the prayer of the father in the Gospel and didst restore the disordered mind of his child; we pray Thee to have compassion upon this family and hear our prayers on behalf of this Thy servant whose reason has been taken away. We know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused us to be troubled; yet, if it be Thy will, spare Thy people whom Thou lovest, and remove from them this affliction. Thou alone canst help them; direct them in their care and perplexity; restore Thy servant to *his* right mind again; and grant them a happy issue out of all their troubles: and this we ask for Thy mercies' sake, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

For the Feeble in Intellect, and the Idiotic.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful Father; look down we beseech Thee in mercy upon this family, and of Thy compassion send relief unto Thy servant; remove this heavy affliction, if it be Thy gracious will; or if not, yet grant, O Lord, that the inward man may be enlightened with such a measure of Thy Holy Spirit as shall seem expedient unto Thee. Let Thy great mercy be upon *him;* keep *him* from doing anything displeasing unto Thee, preserve *him* in safety, and when

Thou shalt see fit to call *him* hence, take *him* to rest in peace "until the day break and the shadows flee away;" for the sake of . . .

O ETERNAL and most blessed Saviour, Who art the Wisdom of the Father, and art made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; have pity upon those to whom Thou hast given life and no understanding: be very gracious unto them, for Thou hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and lovest every soul Thou hast redeemed; impute not unto them their follies that are unavoidable, nor the sins which they discern not; keep them from all evil and sad mischances, and make supply of their want of the defences of reason by the special guard of angels; and let Thy holy life and Thy sufferings be accepted and Thy intercession prevail for them: that whereas they cannot glorify Thee by a free obedience, Thou mayest be glorified by Thy free mercies unto them; and for their destitution of good in this world let them receive eternal blessings in the world to come; through Thy merits, Who livest . . .

O GOD, All-wise, Whose ways are past finding out; we pray Thee of Thy great goodness to look upon Thy servant whom Thou hast afflicted with weakness and darkness of mind; grant unto *him* to be strengthened and enlightened with Thy Spirit in the inner man, that *he* to whom Thou hast denied earthly wisdom may be filled within with that knowledge of Thee which passeth all understanding; through . . .

In Child-birth.

O MOST merciful God; we beseech Thee look with mercy upon Thy servant in her time of need; help her to put her whole trust in Thee; lighten her pains so far as may be in accordance with Thy will, and give her increase of strength to bear them; keep her safe under Thy Almighty care, and in Thine own good time grant her a happy deliverance, and make her the joyful mother of a hopeful child; for the sake of . . .

O GOD, Who for the sin of our first mother didst ordain that woman should bring forth children in sorrow; regard, we pray Thee, the supplications of this Thy servant, who turneth unto Thee in trust and lowliness, and grant that she being protected by Thy power and blessed by Thy grace, may speedily have her sorrow turned into joy; through . . .

O GOD, Who lookest always lovingly upon Thy creatures; bow down Thine ears to our prayers, and have mercy upon Thy servant suffering under great weakness of body; visit her with Thy salvation: grant unto her the medicine of Thy heavenly grace, and by Thy Almighty power preserve her offspring both in body and soul; through . . .

For the New-born Infant.

O GOD, Who didst send Thine Only-Begotten Son into the world as a little child; mercifully look upon this infant and protect *him* with Thy heavenly grace; vouchsafe unto *him* soundness of body and mind, and grant that *he* increasing in wisdom and stature may evermore find favor with Thee; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord.

Thanksgiving after Child-birth.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in Whom we live and move and have our being, and by Whom we have been holden up ever since we were born; we bless Thy holy Name for Thy great mercy in delivering Thy servant from the great pains and perils of child-birth; we praise that infinite love which gave strength to her weakness, and upheld her in the hour of anxiety and anguish. Continue to her, we pray Thee, Thy fatherly goodness, and grant that she may have such a thankful heart for Thy great mercy that she may in all thinks seek to serve and please Thee.

WE commend unto Thy care this child; preserve *him* that *he* may live to be regenerated and born again in Baptism, that as *he* is Thine by creation *he* may therein be made Thine by adoption and grace:

and so grant unto *him* the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit that *he* may ever be of Thy faithful servants, and at last be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting; through . . .

For the Deaf and Dumb.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, Whose dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, when He dwelt on earth, went about doing good; unstopping the ears of the deaf, and loosening the tongues of the dumb; look down with loving eyes upon all Thy deaf and mute children, and give them the special blessing of Thy mercy and grace. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over them, let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; so that they may learn the truth as it is in Jesus, and believe in, and rest upon Him as the Saviour of their souls, and find in Him that joy and peace which the Holy Ghost only can bestow. Be with them, we beseech Thee, in all the trials and duties and dangers of this life, and may they so live in Thy fear and love here, that in the world to come they may ever, with open ears, and loving tongues, show forth Thy praise in Thy heavenly Kingdom.

Hear us, O Lord God, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee O Father, and Thee O Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

For the Attendants on the Sick.

MERCIFUL Lord; we beseech Thee to strengthen and support Thy servants who are called to minister to the sufferer and to watch beside the bed of sickness. Give them grace to fulfil their task with patient endurance and with loving tenderness. Comfort them in their weariness with the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit. May this season of trial, anxiety, and labor, help them forward in the way that leadeth to everlasting life. May we so learn to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and seek those things which are above; that when we, in our turn, lie down to suffer and to die we may be able, with lowly submission and loving trust to commit ourselves into Thy merciful keeping: through . . .

For the Physician.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who art the Great Physician; aid and guide Thou all earthly physicians in the work Thou hast committed unto them; and especially direct and assist him who ministers here in this sickness, and bless the remedies which his skill employs. Endue him with Thy grace and salvation, and accompany with Thy healing power all the means made use of for the recovery of this Thy servant, that *he* may be restored whole to Thy Church, prepared in heart as well as in body to serve Thee all *his* days; to the glory of Thy Name, Who, with . . .

In preparation for the Holy Communion.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who by the will of the Father and by the power of the Holy Ghost, hast given life unto the world by Thy death; deliver us by Thy sacred Body and Blood from all our sins, and keep us from all evil. Make us to abide always in Thy commandments, and suffer us not to be ever separated from Thee; Who livest . . .

O KING of heaven and earth, rich in mercy; behold, we are poor and needy; look graciously upon us, and from the treasures of Thy goodness succor the poverty of our souls; that, filled with Thy love, we may seek nothing out of Thee wherein to rejoice; through . . .

O LORD our God; grant us so to receive the Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that by means thereof we may have forgiveness of all our sins, and be filled with Thy Holy Spirit; O our God, Who livest and reignest, world without end.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, behold, we draw near to the Sacrament of Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; Sinners, we come to the Fountain of mercy; sick, to the great Physician; blind, to the Light of Eternal Splendor; poor and in need, to

the Lord of all things. And we pray Thee to wash away our sins, enlighten our blindness, and be to us pure apparel, and riches, and saving health; that we may receive the Bread of heaven, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with a humble, lowly, and contrite heart, with a lively faith in Thy mercy, and a sincere desire to do Thy holy will. O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead us, and that we may go with meet preparedness unto the altar of God, even the God of our joy and gladness; through the merits of the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O LORD Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, Who in Thy last supper with Thine Apostles didst deliver Thy blessed Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine; grant us, we beseech Thee, ever steadfastly to believe in Thine incomprehensible ove towards us, and that we may worthily receive the same blessed Sacrament according to Thy holy ordinance, that thereby we may obtain increase of all goodness, in unity of pirit with Thee our Head, and by Thee with all the company of them that are truly Thine; for Thy Name's sake, Who livest. . . .

O LORD, our God, the Bread of heaven, and the Life of the world; we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are not worthy to partake of Thy mysteries; but in Thy divine tenderness do Thou vouchsafe us by Thy grace to receive Thy holy Body and precious Blood without condemnation, unto remission of sins, and unto eternal life; Who, with . . .

Offices and Prayers for Divers Occasions.

After a Death.

(This office, and the next, may sometimes be found useful on occasion of funerals not in Church.)

IT is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart (*Eccl.* vii. 2). It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (*Heb.* ix. 27). Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? (*Zech.* i. 5). Man dieth and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth, and drieth up; so man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep (*Job* xiv. 10–12). He shall be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him (*Job* xxi. 32, 33). I know that Thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living (*Job* xxx. 23). The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more (*Ps.* ciii. 15, 16). We are strangers before Thee, O Lord, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding (1 *Chron.* xxix. 15). Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest (*Eccl.* ix. 10). Like as a father pitieth his own children, even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him. For He knoweth whereof we are made, He remembereth that we are but

dust (*Ps.* ciii. 13, 14). The merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness upon children's children, even upon such as keep His covenant, and think upon His commandments to do them (*Ps.* ciii. 17, 18). The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him (*Nahum.* i. 3, 7). Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come (*Heb.* xiii. 14). Give diligence to make your calling and election sure; so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 *St. Peter* i. 10, 11). I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 *Thess.* iv. 13, 14, 16–18).

O ALMIGHTY God, Judge of the quick and the dead; so fit and prepare us, we beseech Thee, for that last account which we must one day give, that when the time of our appointed change shall come, we may look up to Thee with joy and comfort, and may at last be received together with *him* whom Thou hast now taken from us, and with all that are near and dear to us, into that place of rest and peace where Thou shalt Thyself wipe away all tears from off all faces, and where all our troubles and sorrows shall have an end; through the merits and for the sake of . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; grant unto us Thy servants, so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee; and, when we awake, may in righteousness behold Thy Face, and be forever satisfied, in the vision of that glory in which with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest One God, world without end.

ALMIGHTY God, Who governest all things in heaven and earth with infinite wisdom and infinite love, bringing good out of evil and joy out of sorrow; have compassion on this family, and change their present affliction into holiness and blessing. Help them to accept in humble submission the cross Thou givest them to bear. Let them not sorrow as having no hope, nor murmur at Thy dispensation, nor desire but that Thy will may be done. In all their troubles may their whole trust and confidence be placed in Thy mercy. Sanctify unto them Thy fatherly correction. Comfort them with a sense of Thy goodness. Sustain them by Thy All-powerful Spirit. Prepare them by Thy grace for the time of their own departure; and bring them unto life everlasting; through . . .

O MOST Mighty, most Merciful Father; look down in Thy infinite pity upon these bereaved ones, smitten to the dust, and overwhelmed with the greatness and suddenness of this sorrow. Let Thy mercy be upon us as we do put our trust in Thee. We cast ourselves down before Thee; receive our prayer. Help them to bear this weight of sorrow. Help them to believe that Thou lovest them. Let Thy love shine graciously upon them in this dark day. Grant unto them Thy blessing of resignation and trust in Thee. Support and comfort them with Thy Holy Spirit. And enable them so to do and to bear Thy holy will, that after all the changes and trials of this mortal life they may in Thy Paradise be united again with loved ones gone before; through . . .

IN Thy mercy and majesty, be Thou, O Lord, our refuge, Who art our redemption. Direct our minds by Thy gracious presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love; that while we walk among things which are passing away, our hearts may cling to those that shall abide; till we come to the land of rest, and at last to the heavenly city; through Thy merits, Who, with . . .

O MIGHTY Lord, and Blessed Saviour, Who of Thy merciful love didst humble Thyself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, for our redemption, and didst ascend to the right hand of the Father for the full accomplishment of our peace; graciously apply to our souls the infinite merits of Thy sacred passion, and with Thy precious blood cleanse us from all our sins; and grant that we may live in Thee the life of grace here, and attain the life of glory hereafter: for Thy mercies' sake, Who livest . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast promised to come again in like manner as Thou didst go into heaven; we pray Thee to hasten the time of Thine Advent, that sin and death may be overcome, and that we with all Thy faithful departed may be perfected in blessedness in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels; through Thy mercy, Who, with . . .

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we rejoice before Thee in the blessed communion of all Thy saints, wherein Thou givest us also to have part. We praise Thee for the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in the Lord, and now live with Him for evermore. We give thanks unto Thee for Thy great grace and manifold gifts bestowed on those who have thus gone before us in the way of salvation. Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into

their joy, and abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day; through . . .

Benediction.

THE God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

After the Death of a Child.

A VOICE was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel, weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border (*Jer.* xxxi. 15–17). And David said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me (2 *Sam.* xii. 22, 23). Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and

blessed them (*St. Mark* x. 14–16). Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call (*Acts* ii. 38, 39). Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (*Titus* iii. 5–7). After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God Which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever: Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb Which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes (*Rev.* vii. 9–17).

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Lover of holiness and purity, Who hast been graciously pleased now to call the soul of a little child of this family into Thy heavenly Kingdom; so vouchsafe, O Lord, to deal mercifully with us who survive, that through the merits of the death and passion of Thy dearly-beloved Son our Lord, Thou mayest cause us evermore to rejoice, with all Thy blessed saints, in the same Thy kingdom; Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who in the sorrow of Thy soul didst fall down upon Thy face in prayer; give us grace that we likewise in all our sorrows may betake ourselves with humble and earnest prayer to our Heavenly Father for aid and comfort and relief. Hear us, O our Saviour, for Thy Name's sake; Who, with . . .

O LORD Jesus Christ, tender Shepherd of Thy flock, Who dost gather the lambs with Thine arms, and carry them in Thy bosom; forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to take this little one unto Thyself, teach us, we pray Thee, to will what Thou willest, and enable these whom Thou hast bereaved, even through their tears to rejoice in the present sure blessedness of their child. We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast made it Thine forever, that Thou dost love and tend it in Thy fold of Paradise, and we pray Thee to bring us at last to the same blessedness and rest; through Thy merits, Who, with . . .

O MERCIFUL LORD, Who didst sympathize with the sisters of Thy friend Lazarus in their great sorrow; have mercy, we beseech Thee, upon the father and the mother of this little child who has been called to *his* heavenly Father's home. Comfort their hearts with the assurance that *he* is received into Thy loving arms, and resteth ever in Thy care; raise, O Lord, their hopes to heaven; and grant them grace to serve Thee so faithfully with pure hearts here that they may hereafter

meet their dear child above, and with *him* and all Thy saints be admitted into Thy Kingdom; where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest forever and ever.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who through Thine Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; mercifully grant that as this deceased infant hath been baptized into the death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and thereby made His disciple and an heir of eternal glory, and now at Thy command hath gone out of this mortal life before *he* hath done good or evil, the garment of *his* regeneration remaining pure and unspotted, and *his* soul having already found admission through the merits of the Redeemer into Thy Paradise, so *his* body may have a happy passage through the grave and gate of death to a joyful resurrection at the last day, and *he* may then be made partaker of Thy everlasting glory; through Him Who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, Who hast hastened to take to Thyself the soul of this happy child, dear unto Thee; grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit we may serve Thee with pure minds in this life, and be joined to the company of Thy blessed children in the world to come; through . . .

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Prayers.

For the Sanctification of Suffering to Various Classes of Sufferers.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows; have mercy upon all who are in any suffering or trouble; and grant them continually meditating upon Thy holy life of suffering to realize in weakness the strength of Thine incarnation; in pain the triumph of Thy passion; in poverty the riches of Thy Godhead; in reproach the satisfaction of Thy sympathy; in loneliness the comfort of Thy continual Presence; in difficulty the efficacy of Thine intercession; in perplexity the guidance of Thy wisdom; and bring them of Thy mercy, when this suffering life is past, to the glorious Kingdom which by Thy suffering Thou didst purchase; through Thy merits, Who, with . . .

For the Strengthening and Growth of the Church.

O BLESSED Spirit of the Father and the Son, do Thou come down amongst us, and work mightily in Thy Church Thy manifold works of love. Amidst the strivings of the busy intellect, Oh Wisdom of the Father, show us what is truth. Amidst the tumults of the earth, Oh mighty Comforter, vouchsafe us peace. Amidst our many discords, Oh bond of the uncreated Trinity, knit us into one by the sure binding of Thy unbroken unity. Amidst our pollutions, Oh Spirit of holiness, vouchsafe us purity: in spite of our coldness, Oh breathe into us some inspiration of Thy love; to the end that we may love and serve Thee as we would, that the ministry of Thy Church may be filled with earnest, loving spirits, and that hearts may be opened, and tongues loosed, and the blessed day hastened in its dawning when all the elect shall have been gathered, and when in Thy mercy our eyes shall

see the King in His beauty, and our souls be at rest forever in praise and adoration of Thee with the Father and the Son, One God in Three Persons, world without end; through . . .

At a Meeting of Ministers.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst withdraw Thyself unto a mountain for prayer, and didst bring Thine Apostles apart from the multitude that they might rest awhile with Thee; be graciously present, we beseech Thee, with us who are here gathered together in Thy Name, and grant that diligently meditating upon Thy holy word, and strengthened by the gifts of Thy bountiful Spirit, we may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the ministry which from Thee we have received; so that in preaching and doing those things which are according to Thy will, we may safely teach the souls committed to our care; and rightly and duly dispensing Thy Sacraments, and in Thy fear administering discipline may lead the flocks over which Thou hast made us shepherds unto life everlasting; through Thy mercy, Who, with . . .

For the Clergy.

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Who art the Giver of all good gifts; mercifully bestow upon all the ministers of Thy Church the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of Thy holy fear, that in faith and love they may hold fast the form of sound words committed unto them, and giving attention to reading, to exhortation and to doctrine may be an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity; and grant that after turning many to righteousness, they may shine as the stars forever and ever; through . . .

For the Parish.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: strengthen and con-

firm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth: and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church; to the honor and glory of Thy ever-blessed Name; through . . .

At the Meetings of a Guild, or of a Brotherhood, or of any other like Parochial Organization.

O GOD our Saviour, Who gavest Thyself unto death that Thou mightest redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Thyself a peculiar people zealous of good works; direct, we pray Thee, the purposes of this (*Guild, or Brotherhood, or* ——) and prosper them with Thy blessing. Grant unto us the spirit of unceasing prayer, fervent, holy, and persevering, a steadfast and right faith, a just and humble hope, and a never-failing charity. Make us to submit our wills to Thine, being patient of sufferings which Thou permittest, loving the good which Thou commandest, hating the evil which Thou dost forbid, and never weary in well-doing. Admit, we beseech Thee, into the fellowship and benefits of this our supplication those who are near and dear unto us, with all who have desired our prayers and all who need them, even as Thou only knowest their necessities: sanctify both them and us; let our portion be in Thy good things, in religion and purity, in a quiet conscience and the joys of the Holy Ghost, in love of Thee, and of our fellow-men in Thee. Preserve Thy Church in truth and holiness, in unity and peace, free from persecution or glorious under it, ever advancing Thine honor, representing Thy sacrifice, and filled with Thy Spirit. Bring home to Thy fold all them that are gone astray, call into it the stranger, increase the number and holiness of Thine own people, and hasten Thy appearing and kingdom, O blessed Jesus, Whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost we worship and glorify as One God, world without end.

For Schools and Colleges.

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who hast taught us, in Thy holy word, that to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent, is everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee to receive our prayers and supplications which we now offer unto Thee for our schools and colleges throughout this land. Grant that they who teach and govern in them, may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may also have grace and strength to fulfil the same: and to those who are taught and trained, give Thy gracious help, that they may acquire such knowledge as may fit them for the stations in life to which they may be called, and, above all things, may receive instructions of heavenly wisdom, and know the things that belong unto their peace. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

Collects

From the Book of Common Prayer.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

CHRISTMAS-DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adop-

tion and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

O GOD, Whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

SEPTUAGESIMA.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

QUINQUAGESIMA.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

ASH-WEDNESDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

ALMIGHTY God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the Same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

EASTER-EVEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

EASTER-DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, Who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

ASCENSION-DAY.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

WHITSUNDAY.

O GOD, Who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; Mercifully accept our prayers: and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as Thy Holy Angels always do Thee service in heaven, so, by Thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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